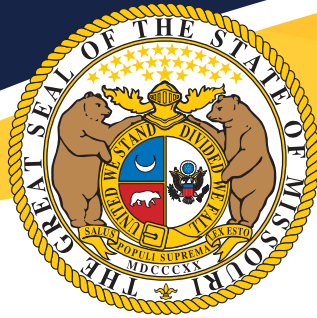


# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT







# Letter of Transmittal

*April 18, 2024*

*To The Honorable Michael L. Parson, Governor of Missouri*

It is our privilege to present for your review the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 2023 Annual Report. Law enforcement agencies continue to find it challenging to recruit qualified individuals to fill vacancies. It is no different for the Patrol, which has experienced an increase in retirements in recent years while facing reduced numbers of applicants.

However, Patrol employees continue to meet the high expectations of the citizens they serve. Our troopers made notable arrests, solved major cases, and responded to tragic events. They assisted the public on the highways and off, and our civilian employees served with professionalism and resourcefulness.

Within the pages of the 2023 Annual Report are examples of how every Patrol employee serves in accordance with our core values of integrity, responsibility, respect, professionalism, compassion, resourcefulness, character, and commitment. We are proud to serve and protect all people in the great state of Missouri.



*Eric T. Olson*

*Colonel Eric T. Olson, Superintendent  
Missouri State Highway Patrol*



*Sandra K. Karsten*

*Sandra K. Karsten, Director  
Department of Public Safety*

## VISION

By excelling as a criminal justice leader in the delivery of quality services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will ensure Missouri is a safe place to live or visit.

## MISSION

The Missouri State Highway Patrol will serve and protect all people by enforcing laws and providing services to ensure a safe and secure environment.

## VALUES

The Missouri State Highway Patrol believes public trust and respect must be earned and are essential to attain our vision and accomplish our mission. To maintain public trust and respect, we embrace the following values:

**Integrity** – Uncompromising principle; honesty; steadfast adherence to a strict ethical code.

**Responsibility** – Accountability; trustworthiness; use of good judgment.

**Respect** – Fairness without prejudice; appreciation for diversity.

**Professionalism** – High standards; dedicated to our mission; unified in purpose.

**Compassion** – Concern with human welfare; ability to appreciate feelings or emotions of others.

**Resourcefulness** – Creativity; the ability to be effective in difficult situations.

**Character** – We are committed to respecting individual dignity in all people and to providing services in a fair, consistent, and impartial manner to the best of our ability. As caring and innovative professionals, the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol will strive to maintain a safe environment through a service orientated organization capable of addressing the most complex challenges that confront us.

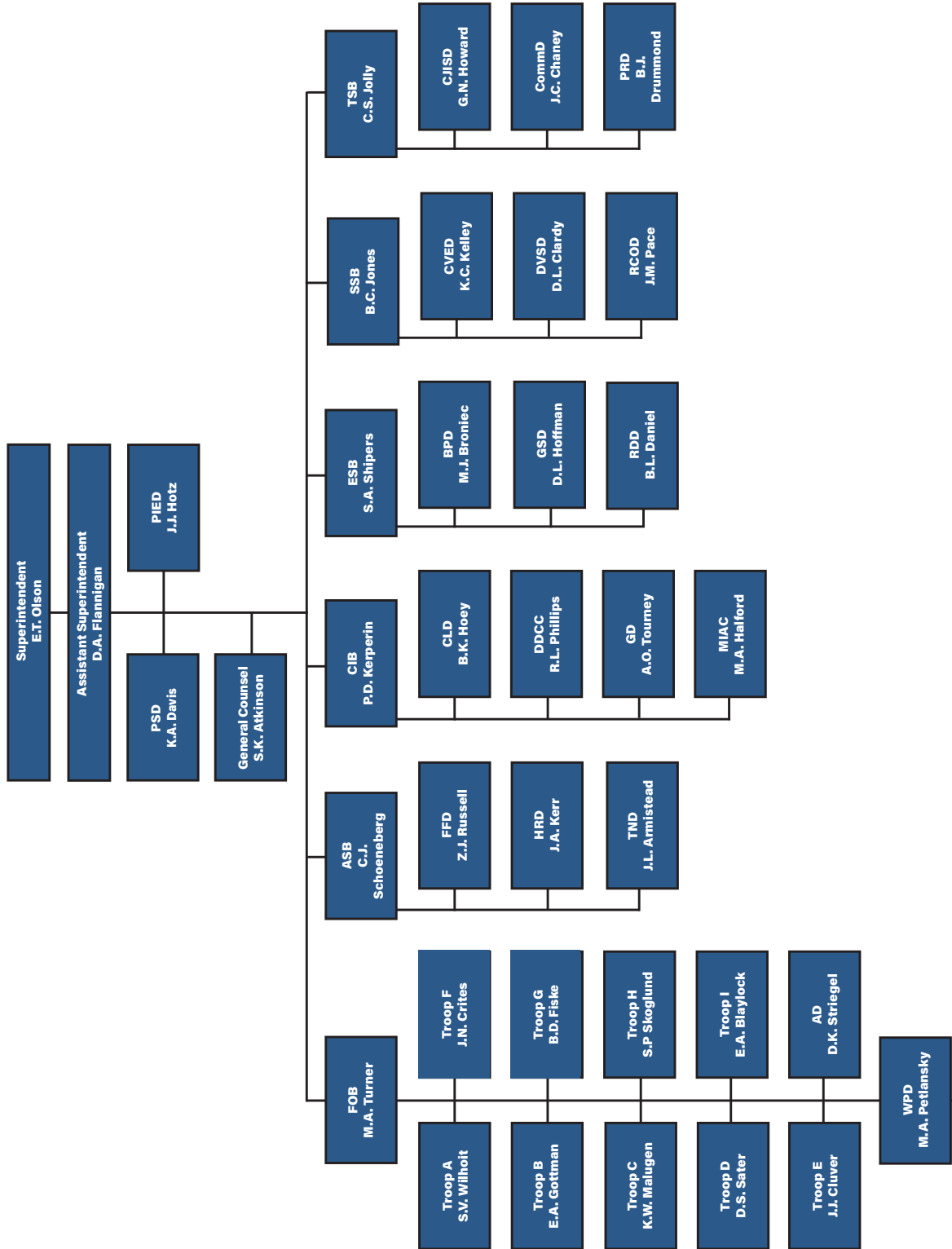
**Commitment** – We are committed to providing services from knowledgeable, capable, and willing employees. We are committed to respecting each employee as an individual and for his or her role in the department. We are committed to maintaining a sense of pride and camaraderie within our department, and to having a workplace where employees are supportive of each other and loyal to the values and commitments of the department.



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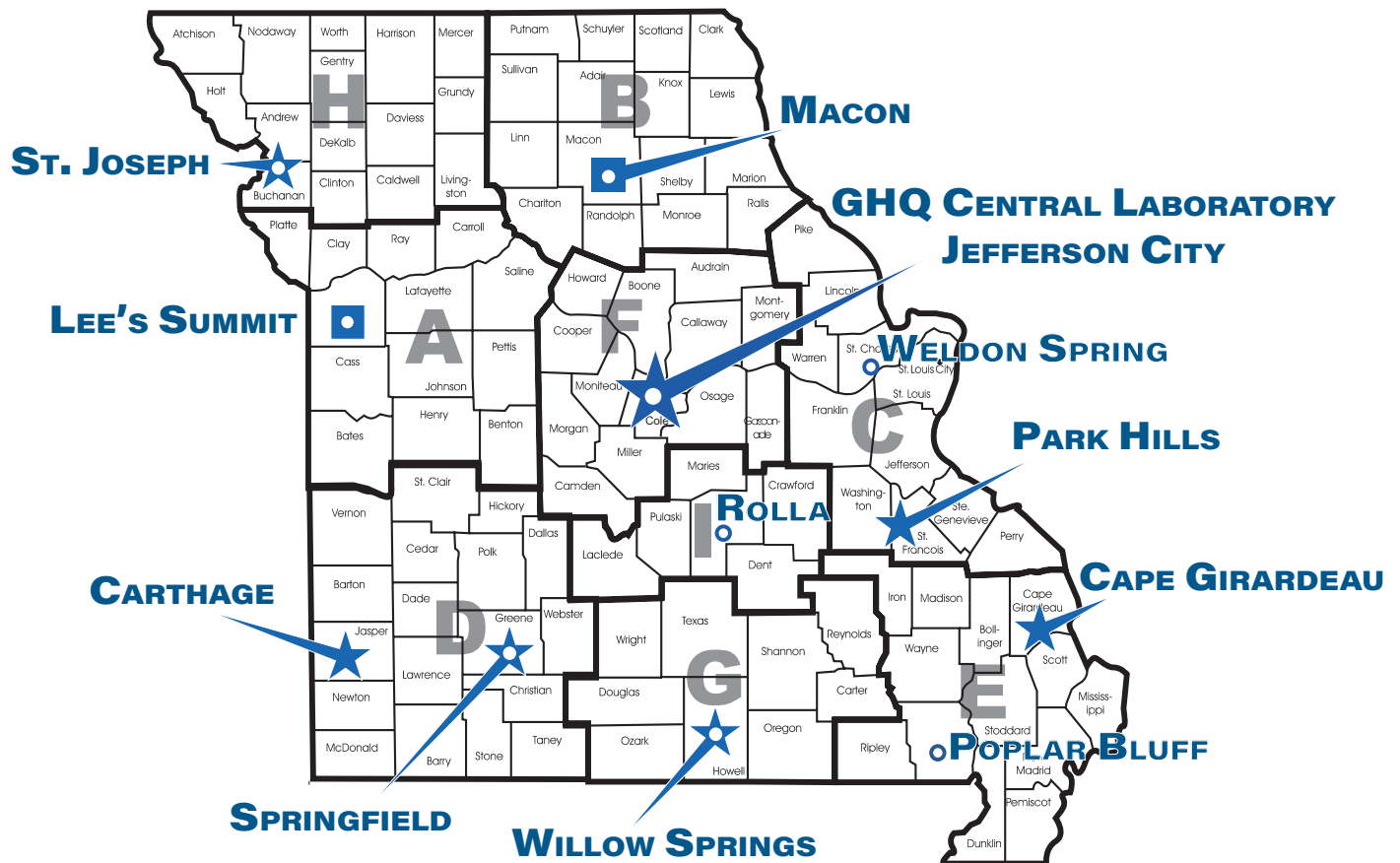
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# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE\*



\* Effective 12/31/2023

# TROOP MAP



**LABORATORY LOCATIONS**



**TROOP HEADQUARTERS**



**TROOP HEADQUARTERS & LABORATORY LOCATIONS**



**TROOP HEADQUARTERS & EVIDENCE DROP OFF KIOSK LOCATIONS**

# COURAGE & DEDICATION

## 2023 Patrol Awards

### ***Fred M. Mills MASTERS Public Service Award***

Lieutenant Nathan C. Ahern (Troop A)

### ***Superintendent's Award For Excellence In Public Service***

Communications Operator III Katherine H. McCormick (Troop A)

### ***Lifesaving***

Sergeant Todd M. Barthelmass (Q/GD) 7/3/23  
Sergeant Todd M. Barthelmass (Q/GD) 7/22/23  
Sergeant Samuel V. Buchheit (Q/GD)  
Sergeant James R. Campbell (Troop C)  
Corporal Blake G. Groves (Troop C)  
Corporal Kalen S. Linneman (Troop F)  
Trooper Dylan H. Bert (Troop C)  
Trooper Easton R. Corcoran (Troop F)  
Trooper Tyler C. Fuller (Troop B)  
Trooper Devan J. Harms (Troop A)  
Trooper Patrick T. Harms (Q/GD) 1/23/23  
Trooper Patrick T. Harms (Q/GD) 5/17/23  
Trooper Orrin D. Hawkins (Troop E)  
Trooper Jacob C. McKinney (Troop F)  
Trooper Eric R. Sikes (Troop C)

### ***Meritorious***

Sergeant David L. Fouch (Troop F)  
Sergeant Adam R. Johnson (Troop G)  
Corporal Johnathan R. Roberts (Troop G)  
Corporal Daniel J. Dalton (Troop F)  
Trooper Andrew M. Gordon (Troop F)  
Trooper Christopher R. Kottwitz (Troop H)  
Trooper William S. Lashmet (Troop D)  
Trooper Austin L. Royster (Troop D)  
Trooper Jacob S. Schwartz (Troop D)

### ***Civilian Of The Year***

Technical Support Manager Lindsey J. Holtmeyer (Q/CJIS)

### ***Officer of the Year***

Sergeant Timothy A. Barrett (Troop D)

### ***Valor***

Sergeant Lance D. DeClue (Troop I)  
Trooper James R. Sauer (Q/GD)  
Trooper Richard J. Waite (Troop C)



# COURAGE & DEDICATION

## Department of Public Safety Team Members of the Month

January 2023 (Sworn) — Corporal Eric L. Mueller (Troop D)  
February 2023 (Sworn) — Sergeant Greg A. Weddle and Corporal Shawn M. Blackston (Troop I)  
February 2023 (Non-Sworn) — Public Information Specialist Meghan E. Basinger (Q/PIED)  
April 2023 (Sworn) — Corporal Timothy A. Barrett (Troop D)  
May 2023 (Sworn) — Trooper Orrin D. Hawkins (Troop E)  
May 2023 (Non-Sworn) — Computer Information Technology Specialists Michelle L. Frey, Todd D. Schneider, and Drew M. Wansing (Q/CJIS)  
June 2023 (Sworn) — Sergeant Gregory D. Primm (Q/DDCC) and Trooper Joshua H. Thompson (Troop H)  
July 2023 (Sworn) — Corporal William S. Lashmet (Troop D)  
August 2023 (Sworn) — Corporal Justin E. Peabody (Q/DDCC)  
August 2023 (Non-Sworn) — Program Supervisor Pamela M. Aberle (Q/CJIS)  
September 2023 (Sworn) — Trooper Lane C. Coleman (Troop C)  
October 2023 (Sworn) — Sergeant Adam R. Johnson and Corporal Johnathan R. Roberts (Troop G)  
November 2023 (Sworn) — Trooper Jacob S. Schwartz (Troop D)  
November 2023 (Non-Sworn) — Trainer/Auditor IV Starlith M. McAdams (Q/CJIS)  
December 2023 (Sworn) — Sergeant Jeremy S. Stoelting, Corporal Nogi H. McDaniel, Corporal Matthew B. Foster, Corporal Jonathan T. Wilson, Trooper Russell R. Gibson, and Investigative Analysts Hunter N. Ellis and Casey S. Schnieders (Q/DDCC)

## Missouri State Employee of the Month

March 2023 — Public Information Specialist Meghan E. Basinger (Q/PIED)  
September 2023 — Corporal Justin E. Peabody (Q/DDCC)  
November 2023 — Sergeant Adam R. Johnson and Corporal Johnathan R. Roberts (Troop G)

## Missouri's Public Safety Awards

Trooper Adam R. Shipley (Troop E) — Medal of Valor  
Corporal Terry A. Bible (Troop D) — Medal of Valor  
Trooper Joshua J. Schuenemeyer (Troop E) — Medal of Valor

# SUPERINTENDENT



**Colonel Eric T. Olson**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is organized pursuant to Chapter 43 RSMo. The statutes within Chapter 43 RSMo established the Patrol and designated the superintendent as being in command of the agency. The superintendent performs the functions and duties prescribed by Missouri law, administrative regulations, and directives from the governor.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol command structure includes six bureaus: Field Operations, Criminal Investigation, Administrative Services, Support Services, Technical Services, and Executive Services.

## **Patrol's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028**

*Our essential agency goals are:*

- Protect. Effectively and efficiently safeguard life and property.
- Serve. Provide the full range of police agency services.
- Sustain. Guarantee continued protection and services by accurate forecasting and timely acquisition of critical resourcing requirements.

# **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**



**Lieutenant Colonel  
David A. Flannigan**

All six bureau commanders, the directors of the Professional Standards Division and Public Information and Education Division, and the Patrol's general counsel report directly to the assistant superintendent.

# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION



**Captain Kirk A. Davis**  
**Director**

The Professional Standards Division was established in 1990, as part of a reorganization of the Patrol's management structure. The division provides management with a centralized investigative unit that conducts agencywide internal investigations in a consistent, professional, impartial, and timely manner. The division's primary function is to ensure the integrity of the Patrol and its personnel, both commissioned and civilian employees. This is accomplished through a comprehensive and objective process of investigating allegations of employee misconduct and audits of concerns that are received and handled by troop personnel or other Patrol divisions.

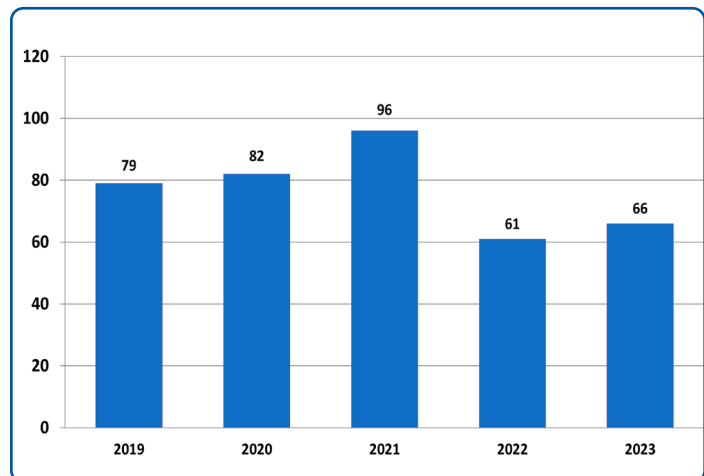
The goal of the Professional Standards Division is to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all allegations of misconduct through detailed investigations, not only to verify allegations, if true, but also to protect employees from false allegations. The division closely monitors departmental disciplinary procedures to promote uniformity and impartiality in the discipline process, identify potential problems and possible corrective actions, and safeguard the rights and due process protections of both citizens and employees. Additionally, the division recognizes employee conduct that represents the Patrol's Core Values through receipt and referrals of formal commendations.

During calendar year 2023, the Professional Standards Division received a total of 497 concerns and 116 commendations for Patrol employees. Of the concerns received, 81 were resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant; 66 investigations related to issues of misconduct, and 383 of concerns received were classified as non-misconduct issues (e.g., civil matters, complaints with other agencies, etc.). Of the investigations conducted by the Professional Standards Division, one was initiated by an external stakeholder and 34 were generated internally by Patrol employees.

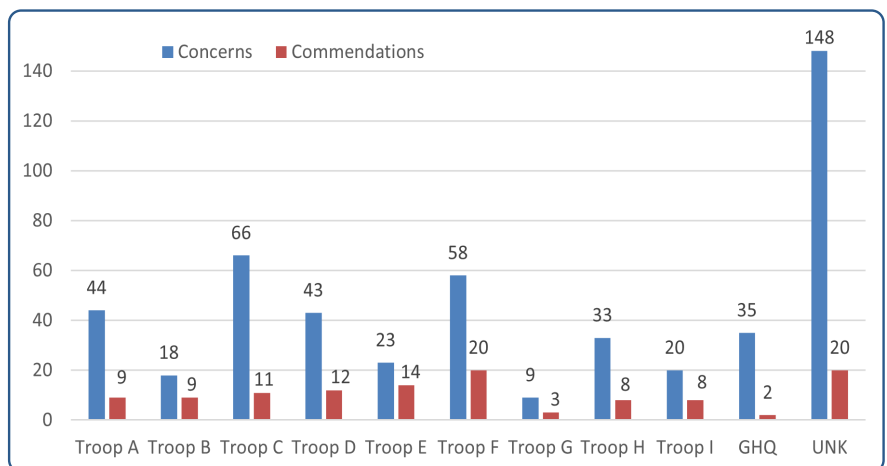
The Professional Standards Division conducted 31 special inquiries at the direction of the superintendent.

The chart below reflects the Professional Standards Division's annual statistics for the total number of complaints of misconduct submitted against Patrol employees for the past five years:

## Complaints By Year



## 2023 Reports Of Commendation/Concern





# PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION DIVISION



**Captain John J. Hotz**  
**Director**

The Public Information and Education Division issued 52 news releases and 26 sets of public service announcements during 2023. PIED also reviewed and posted on the Internet an additional 105 news releases from the 13 public information and education officers (PIOs) assigned to the troops and the Division of Drug and Crime Control. PIOs presented approximately 1,386 programs on a variety of safety topics and provided 474 displays at 2023 events. PIOs visited 415 schools in 2023. The public information and education officers handled 5,906 telephone contacts and 3,879 media contacts for the agency. PIOs also communicated to the public and media regularly on their X (formerly Twitter) accounts.

## **Division responsibilities:**

- Press Conferences (organized statewide)
- Talking Points/Speeches (upon request)
- Brochures (updated/reviewed)
- Patrol Annual Report
- Patrol News* (bimonthly)
- Art Projects — 351
- Certificates — 726
- IDs/Commission Cards — 387
- Retiree CCW Permits — 383
- Business Cards — 1,368
- Photo Prints — 478
- Photos Taken — 14,460
- Items Engraved — 651

## **Social Media**

- 17 X Accounts — 70,049 Followers
- GHQ Posts — 389
- Facebook — 265,166 Followers; 423 Posts
- 5 Instagram Accounts — 13,962 Followers

The Patrol continues to add videos to its YouTube Channel. Live-streaming events, such as graduations, dedications, and other ceremonies on the Patrol's YouTube and Facebook accounts has shown to be a great way to involve the media and public who are unable to attend the events in person.

PIED employees have direct oversight for the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Center. The Center welcomed 2,762 visitors in 2023. Division members created new displays featuring Tom Pasley as well as the various Patrol hats through the years. Division of Drug and Crime Control and the historic highways displays underwent an update. Additionally, PIED replaced the theater projector, added a mannequin wearing a Class B uniform, and completed a shadow box for the CJIS display.



*This display shows the various hats of the Patrol, past and present.*

# FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

Major Michael A. Turner served as commander of the Field Operations Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Aircraft Division, Water Patrol Division, all nine troops, canine units, Major Crash Investigation Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics teams, Filling a V.O.I.D. Program, and the Field Training and Evaluation Program.



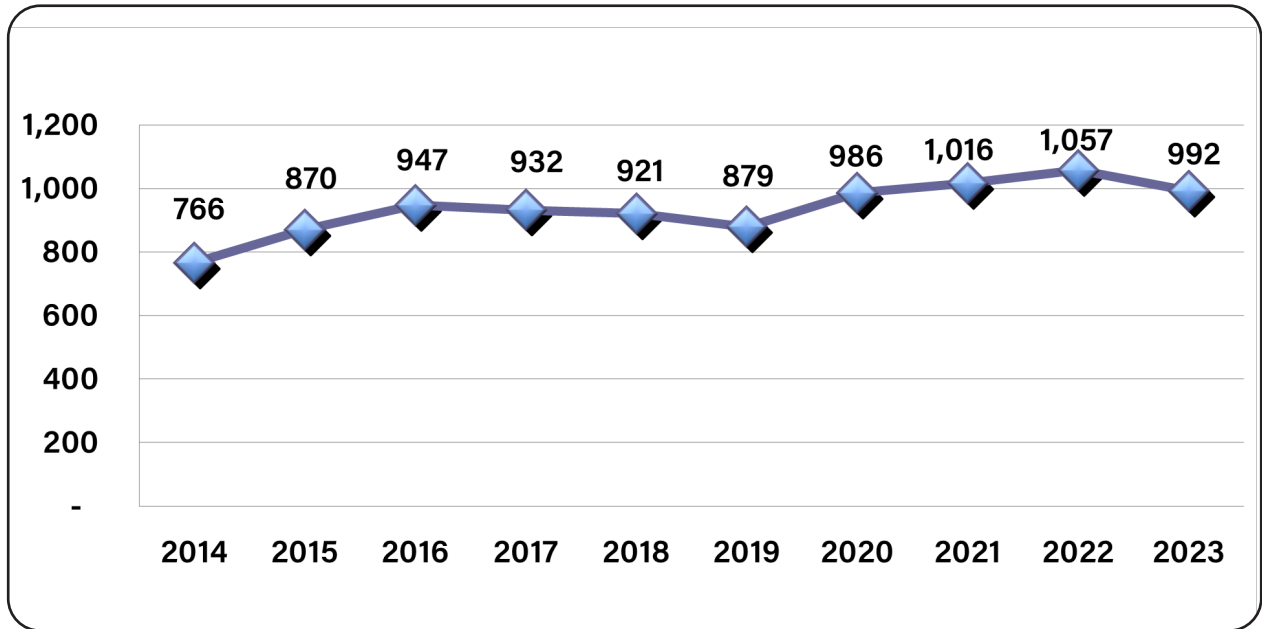
**Major Michael A. Turner**  
**Commander**



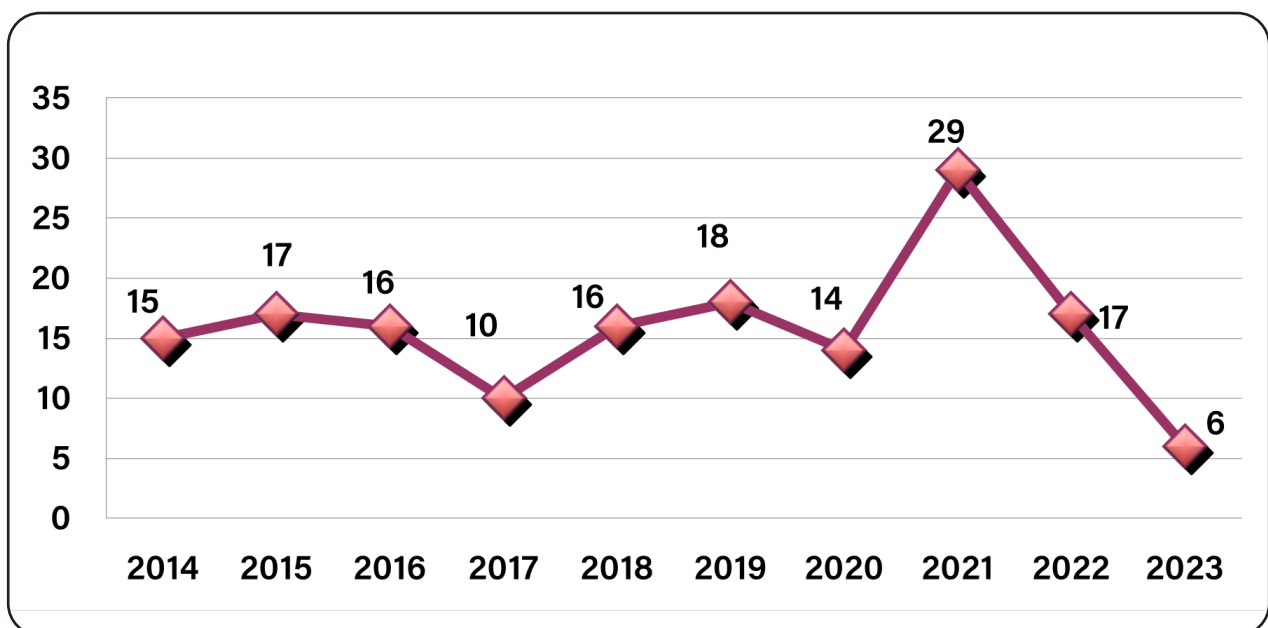
**Captain Justin L. McCullough**  
**Assistant Commander**

# MISSOURI FATALITIES

## Traffic Fatalities



## Recreational Boating Fatalities



# ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Canine (K9) Program

The Missouri State Highway Patrol maintains seven canine units which are assigned throughout the state. During 2023, the Patrol received 307 requests for service. The canine teams conducted 118 searches of passenger and commercial vehicles and 27 building searches, and conducted 65 tracks. Track incidents include the search for escapees, subjects who have fled on foot, and search and rescue efforts. The canine units also conducted over 28 public appearances and canine demonstrations throughout the state for schools and civic organizations. Seizures credited to the canine units in 2023 include: 746 pounds of raw marijuana, 124 pounds of cocaine, 86 pounds of opioid-based contraband, and varying amounts of other illicit contraband. The canine units can also be credited with the location and seizure of approximately \$29,000 in United States currency. Additionally, five canines were retired and five new canines were trained completely in-house by existing canine officers.

## Special Weapons and Tactics Teams (SWAT teams)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has four fully equipped SWAT teams located in Troop A, Troop C, Troop D, and Troop F. The teams are comprised of officers assigned to regular road duty and the Communications Division. In 2023, the SWAT teams received 42 calls for service, which included three calls for negotiators. These activations included responding to barricaded suspects, high-risk search warrants, hostage situations, and manhunts. The teams conducted 15 presentations for various civic organizations throughout the year. During 2023, the four teams had a combined total of 108 training days.

## Criminal Interdiction

Criminal interdiction remains one of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's top priorities. In 2023, troopers made 68 criminal patrol stops. During these stops, 97 subjects were arrested and 171 criminal charges were sought. Not only did these stops result in the arrest of numerous felons, but over 3,062 pounds of contraband were seized. During the interdiction stops in 2023, troopers seized 2,876 pounds of raw marijuana, six pounds of THC concentrates, 14 pounds of THC edibles, 97 pounds of methamphetamine, 143 pounds of cocaine, 36 pounds of fentanyl, one ounce of heroin, 97 narcotic pills, 225 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 13 weapons, and \$535,591 in United States currency.

## Motorcycle Unit

The motorcycle program has two units each in Troops A, C, D, and F. The motorcycle unit supports the primary mission of the Missouri State Highway Patrol through strict enforcement of traffic laws related to crashes. In 2023, motorcycle units provided 56 escorts throughout the state and assisted in over 25 public information displays. Members of the motorcycle unit provided multiple special escorts, including Run for the Wall, the NFL Draft, and the Missouri State Fair. Motorcycle unit members also assisted with numerous construction zone enforcement projects throughout the state. During 2023, the unit accounted for 5,528 enforcement contacts, which resulted in 5,216 arrests being made.

## Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Projects

The Patrol's driving while intoxicated enforcement projects are funded by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, through the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division. In 2023, the Patrol conducted a total of 51 DWI Saturations throughout the state. During the DWI Saturations, troopers contacted 1,718 drivers. These DWI Saturations led to troopers issuing 1,050 traffic citations and arresting 109 drivers for being impaired. In addition to the traffic arrests, troopers also made 63 misdemeanor arrests and 27 felony criminal arrests. The Patrol also conducted 10 Targeted DWI Enforcement projects throughout the year in Troops A, C, D, E and F. During the Targeted DWI Enforcement projects, troopers contacted 1,810 drivers. These Targeted DWI projects led to 977 traffic arrests, of which 201 drivers were arrested for being impaired. In addition to the traffic arrests, troopers also made 48 misdemeanor arrests and 13 felony criminal arrests.

## Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol participates in the Operation C.A.R.E. program, both on a national level and within the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Region VII. C.A.R.E. operations were conducted on all major highways throughout the annual holidays, as well as during both the All-American Buckle-up Week and

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# ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

over the C.A.R.E. Life Saver Weekend. In 2023, troopers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol stopped 59,349 violators, made 1,306 DWI (alcohol/drug) arrests, issued 15,492 citations for excessive speed, and 7,266 seat belt arrests during the designated C.A.R.E. periods. Troopers also assisted 14,681 motorists and investigated 2,021 crashes during C.A.R.E. operations.

## Major Crash Investigation Unit

The Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit is comprised of five teams with offices located in Higginsville, MO, Warrenton, MO, Rogersville, MO, Jackson, MO, and Jefferson City, MO. Each team is assigned four troopers for a total of 20 full-time crash investigators. The MCIU provides assistance to the members of the Patrol and remains available for consultation. The crash teams frequently support other agencies by mapping both crash and homicide scenes, completing crash data retrieval system downloads, and provides photographs of crash scenes, in addition to fulfilling their primary reconstruction responsibilities.

The following details represent the number of crashes reconstructed by each team: Team 1, Higginsville, MO — 16; Team 2, Warrenton, MO — 28; Team 3, Rogersville, MO — 28; Team 4, Jackson, MO — 25; Team 5, Jefferson City, MO — 14. MCIU personnel also completed 388 technical supplements and assisted the Division of Drug and Crime Control with a total of 13 crime scene investigations in 2023.

As technology continues to advance, MCIU investigations have evolved and progressively become more complex. Additional strains on the MCIU have become more prevalent as members balance the needs for specialized training, maintaining a high level of proficiency, and incorporating advanced technology into crash investigations. Additionally, Ford Transit vans continue to be purchased and equipped to meet the expanding needs of the crash teams. The Transit vans provide easy access to their equipment and maintains the integrity of the equipment in a controlled environment by eliminating exposure to the elements.

## Click It or Ticket

The Click It or Ticket operation is an occupant protection Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. During 2023, the Missouri State Highway Patrol utilized several types of enforcement projects to enhance public awareness and educate drivers about the hazards of not wearing safety belts. Maintaining high visibility during these operations is instrumental for increasing public awareness and affecting increased seat belt usage. As a result of the traffic stops during these campaigns, the following arrests were made:

- 642 Seat Belt
- 31 Child Restraint
- 10 DWI
- 623 Speed
- 9 Careless and Imprudent driving
- 8 Following Too Close
- 252 Non-Moving violations
- 6 Misdemeanor Drug violations
- 70 Other Misdemeanor violations
- 31 Felony Arrests
- 92 Driver License violations (No DL, DWS/DWR)

Additionally, 3,191 warnings were issued.

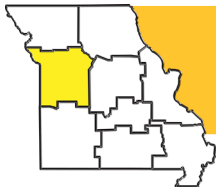
## Filling a V.O.I.D. (Victims of Impaired Drivers)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is committed to assisting victims of DWI-related crashes through the Filling a V.O.I.D. program. Troopers provide the first line of communication to the victims and their families. Following their contact, a Patrol civilian victim advocate facilitates communications and helps victims and their families obtain assistance from victim service providers.

During 2023, the Patrol provided assistance to 22 children, 119 adults, and 12 elderly crime victims.

## Operation Dry Water

The Patrol's marine enforcement troopers took part in Operation Dry Water, a national crackdown on impaired boaters from July 1 through July 3, 2023. Troopers arrested a total of 10 people statewide for boating while intoxicated, contacted 532 vessels and 3,415 boaters, and issued 78 boating violation summonses and 877 warnings.



# TROOP A

**Organized in 1931. • Located in Lee's Summit, MO. • Serves 13 counties.**



**Captain Steven V. Wilhoit**  
**Commanding Officer**

In April, the Patrol assisted the Kansas City (MO) Police Department with Kansas City's first ever NFL Draft experience. Lieutenant Dale O. Jinkens was the officer-in-charge of more than 60 members and uniformed civilian staff. The duties of our personnel varied, such as, providing security at the main stage, directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic safely around the venue, assisting patrons at the Fan Experience, and monitoring activities within the Emergency Operations Center. More than 300,000 fans and spectators visited Kansas City during the 2023 NFL Draft. Despite the superior turnout of people, there were very few incidents.

May 22, 2023, marked the 20th year of the tragic loss of Trooper Michael Newton. On December 15, 2023, in the memory of Trooper Newton, troopers from Kansas and Missouri, with the support of a very generous community, provided thousands of toys to children hospitalized during the Christmas holiday. Additionally, a dinner was prepared and served to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

October 2, 2023, Troop A hosted the annual blood drive in remembrance of Corporal Michael E. Webster, who was killed in the line of duty 30 years ago. There were 35 donors.



*Cpl. Justin Ewing donated blood at the annual Corporal Michael Webster Blood Drive.*



*Pictured is a morning briefing with KCPD at Union Station for the NFL Draft detail.*

November 29, 2023, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in Lee's Summit for the construction of a new Troop A Headquarters. The new Troop A Headquarters will provide approximately 8,000 more square feet of building space.

In 2023, Troop A's enforcement effort resulted in the following:

- 33,091 Citations
- 58,468 Warnings
- 1,280 DWI Arrests
- 487 Drug Arrests
- 45,301 Traffic Stops
- 4,612 Traffic Crashes Investigated

Troop A's Support Enforcement Interstate Zone's interdiction efforts resulted in the custodial arrest of two homicide suspects and seizure of 5.5 pounds of meth, 1.4 pounds of heroin, 15.5 pounds of fentanyl, 94 pounds of cocaine, 206 pounds of marijuana, and \$522,000 in currency.

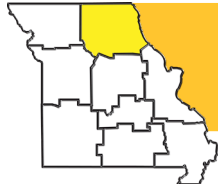
Troop A commercial vehicle inspectors, commercial vehicle officers, and commercial vehicle enforcement troopers conducted 8,613 inspections which resulted in 2,034 vehicles and 587 drivers placed out-of-service, with a total of 17,858 safety violations.

Troop A motor vehicle inspection unit examined over 5,000 vehicles, inspected 2,696 school buses from 114 school districts, and recovered 319 stolen vehicles. Troop A driver examiners administered 144,405 written tests and 45,803 skills tests.



*This group photo includes KHP and MSHP troopers, and Trooper Newtons' family and friends at the Ronald McDonald House event.*





# TROOP B

**Organized in 1931. • Located in Macon, MO. • Serves 16 counties.**



**Captain Erik A. Gottman**  
**Commanding Officer**

On May 6, 2023, officers responded to the Linneus, MO, area in Linn County to a tornado. The storm that produced tornadoes in Linn County continued east into Macon County. Due to close proximity of the storm to Troop B Headquarters, radio and phone traffic for Troop B was assumed by Troop H until the storm passed. The majority of Linneus was without power, and numerous trees and power lines were down in the area. Officers in Linn County continued to assist with cleanup and traffic in the affected areas. The only reported injury was minor.

On August 4, 2023, Troop B officers responded to the area of Baring, MO in Knox County to assist with reports of residents who were trapped in their homes due to storm damage. The damage was later determined by the National Weather Service to have been caused by a tornado. There were multiple reports of downed power lines, debris on the roadways.

On September 10, 2023, Moberly Police Department advised of a downed small aircraft on Randolph County Road 2310. Officers arrived at the scene of the plane crash and advised there were two occupants in the aircraft. The NTSB and FAA were notified. The pilot and passenger were uninjured in the crash. It is suspected the plane ran out of fuel.

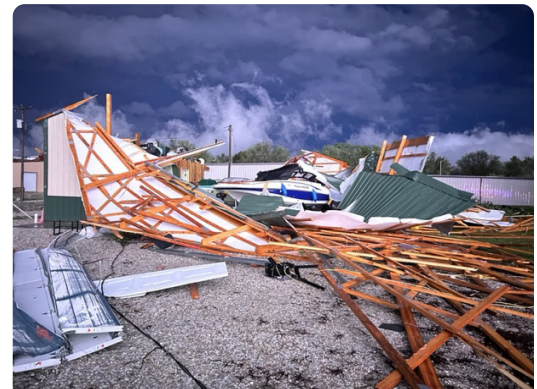


*A small aircraft ran out of fuel and crashed in Randolph County.*

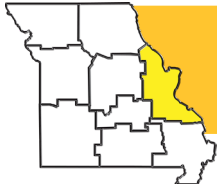
*This photo shows the tornado's path through Baring, MO.*



*These photos show damage caused by the August 4, 2023, tornado in Baring, MO.*







# TROOP C

Organized in 1931. • Located in Weldon Spring, MO. • Serves 11 counties.



**Captain Kevin W. Malugen**  
Commanding Officer

On May 19, 2023, troopers participated in the Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts to raise money for Missouri Special Olympics. During this event, officers from the St. Louis area stand on the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts with Special Olympics banners while others stand in the drive through lane to collect donations. Troop C was given the Dunkin Donut location at 1410 Big Bend Road in St. Louis County. Troopers who participated were Lieutenant Julie A. Scerine, Sergeant Dustin J. Duffie, Corporal Logan M. Bolton, Corporal Cody A. Groves, and Corporal Jordan R. Brown. Troopers also participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run when it traveled through Troop C on May 30.

On May 30, 2023, 12 troopers were recognized at the MADD "Heroes for Heroes" Law Enforcement Recognition Event. The troopers were recognized for their outstanding aggressive enforcement and removing impaired drivers from our roadways. The 12 troopers had a combined 679 DWI arrests.

On July 25, 2023, troopers participated in a joint hazardous moving operation with St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. During the one-day operation, troopers issued 139 citations and 47 warnings for a variety of traffic violations.

On August 24, 2023, Troop C SWAT assisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office after an officer-involved shooting. The suspect shot at deputies after setting a house on fire and then running toward a garage behind the house. After several hours of unsuccessful communications with the suspect, a drone was flown into the garage where the suspect was found deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.



*Twelve troopers were recognized at the "Heroes for Heroes" event.*

On September 21, 2023, troopers assisted St. Louis County and Missouri Department of Corrections after an inmate escaped from custody while being treated at Mercy South Hospital in South St. Louis County. After a man hunt lasting approximately 14 hours, officers located the inmate and took him into custody.

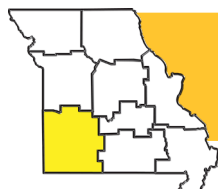


*Cop on a Rooftop was a success for Special Olympics.*



*Pictured are Cpl. Dan Highley, Cpl. Christian Mendez, Cpl. Gavin Leach, Tpr. Dan Bochucinski, Cpl. Brian Magnan, Cpl. Ben Giesler, Jennifer Giesler, Tpr. Esteban Reynoso, Lt. Julie Scerine, Lt. Jamey Diffie, Sgt. Andrew Mayer, Sgt. Charles Pleasant.*





# TROOP D

**Organized in 1931. • Located in Springfield, MO. • Serves 18 counties.**



**Captain D. Scott Sater**  
**Commanding Officer**

Troop D ended the year with a one percent increase in motor vehicle fatalities from the previous year. Unbuckled fatalities were 68 percent, which was a 33 percent increase from the previous year. Greene County, being the highest density population in Troop D, led with 51 fatalities.

Troop D conducted 11 traffic enforcement saturations throughout 2023. The DWI and hazardous moving saturations met the objectives to increase visibility and mitigate risky driving behavior. The saturations netted 23 DWI arrests, 67 speed citations, 19 moving violations, and 49 seat belt citations.

Overall, 40,333 arrests and 1,181 DWI arrests were made in 2023 in Troop D.

Troop D had six (three drownings/three boating crashes) water-related fatalities from 23 reported incidents in 2023. This is a reduction from 14 boating-related fatalities in 2022.

Troop D had 21 interdiction stops in 2023. These stops netted 47 criminal arrests and 2,287 pounds of marijuana seized. On September 18, Sergeant Thomas L. Hall seized 1,668 pounds of hydro-marijuana during a traffic stop on Interstate 44. This was the largest seizure of its kind in Missouri to date. Sergeant Timothy A. Barrett and K9 James seized 705.5 ounces of cocaine during a traffic stop along I-44.

The Troop D Honor Guard was once again invited to the Show-Me Showdown for the opening ceremony during the Missouri State High School Activities Association state basketball championship. The venue for the event was the Great Southern Bank arena on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

Construction on the new radio tower at Troop D Headquarters began in late 2023. The current radio tower has stood since 1977.



*Troop D Honor Guard presents the colors at the MSHSAA basketball championships.*

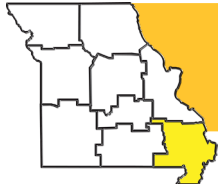


*A traffic stop by Sgt. Tom Hall led to the seizure of 1,668 lbs of hydro-marijuana.*



*Sgt. Tim Barrett and K9 James seized 705.5 lbs of cocaine.*





# TROOP E

**Organized in 1931. • Located in Poplar Bluff, MO. • Serves 13 counties.**



**Captain Jason J. Cluver**  
**Commanding Officer**

On March 4, 2023, Trooper Orrin D. Hawkins responded to a radio call from the Cape Girardeau Police Department concerning an active shooter in a downtown bar. Tpr. Hawkins entered the building, finding two men on the floor with gunshot wounds. He located some paper towels, applying them to the abdominal wound one of the men had sustained. When it was apparent that CPR made the bleeding worse, Tpr. Hawkins wrapped the man with plastic wrap from the kitchen to slow the bleeding until medical personnel arrived. Both shooting victims recovered.

Five people were killed and multiple injured after an early morning tornado in Bollinger County on Wednesday, April 5. Troop E received a notification around 3:22 a.m. of a tornado in the Glenallen, MO, area. We had troopers on scene by around 3:50 a.m. to begin searching for people and assessing damage. The search and rescue portion of the operation lasted approximately 12 hours. After all citizens were accounted for, the attention turned to scene security and helping to restore power in the area.

On August 1, 2023, Captain Philip E. Gregory retired. Captain Jason J. Cluver rejoined Troop E as the Troop Commander, on August 1, 2023.

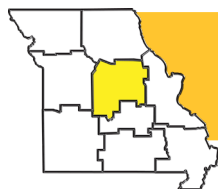


*The command post for the tornado in Glenallen was established at Woodland High School.*



*A Glenallen Fire Department building was destroyed after a tornado ripped through Glenallen, MO.*





# TROOP F

**Organized in 1931. • Located in Jefferson City, MO. • Serves 13 counties.**



**Captain Jason N. Crites**  
**Commanding Officer**

On August 11, 2023, marine operations troopers responded to a boat explosion at the Millstone Marina at Lake of the Ozarks. The investigation determined gas fumes built up in the engine area while the boat was refueling, and a spark set off an explosion. Fifteen people on the boat and one on the dock were injured in the blast. Thankfully, none of the injuries were considered serious.

Lake of the Ozarks continues to grow in popularity, which translates into a larger call volume on the road and water. Powerboat races, car shows, motorcycle rallies, and holiday celebrations bring tens of thousands of people to the lake each weekend. Road and water officers did an excellent job balancing reactive calls with being proactive on safety and addressing public concerns.

On November 8, 2023, the first section of the newly completed Missouri River Bridge connecting Cooper and Boone counties was opened to the public. This was a major project as the new sections will be wider and include a shoulder, which greatly improves the overall safety of the bridge, considering the volume of traffic it handles each day.

The MU football detail was busier than ever directing traffic and monitoring the stadium for the 2023 season, which included multiple sellout games from a dedicated SEC fan base.



*On June 6, 2023, troopers responded to a multiple vehicle injury crash on westbound I-70, on the Missouri River Bridge, between Boone and Cooper counties. In addition to the mangled vehicles, troopers dealt with cattle running around the crash scene after they got loose from a damaged cattle trailer.*

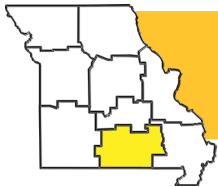


*On June 1, 2023, Sgt. Nathan Wallace and his new K9 Emilka, were placed into active service. Emilka is the first female canine in Patrol history.*



*On July 23, 2023, marine operations troopers investigated a boat crash involving a house at the 1.5-mile mark of the main channel at Lake of the Ozarks. Eight people on the boat were injured, and the driver was arrested for BWI.*





# TROOP G

**Organized in 1946. • Located in Willow Springs, MO. • Serves 9 counties.**



**Captain Bruce D. Fiske**  
**Commanding Officer**

The fatality statistics from Troop G in 2023 reveal a substantial increase of 24 percent in fatal injuries compared to the previous year. Among the 42 fatal crashes investigated, 31 involved passenger vehicles, excluding pedestrians and motorcycles. What is particularly distressing is the breakdown of seat belt usage in these incidents. Furthermore, the prevalence of single-vehicle crashes involving overturning accounted for almost half of the fatal crashes. The unfortunate truth is that many of these deaths may have been preventable with the consistent use of seat belts, especially in cases of overturning vehicle crashes.

Marine officers Sergeant Adam R. Johnson and Corporal Johnathan R. Roberts demonstrated remarkable proficiency during a lifesaving water rescue at 1:00 a.m. May 14, 2023, at Hales Crossing. Confronting darkness and hazardous swift-water conditions, the officers launched an inflatable boat, navigating treacherous currents to rescue a man and woman clinging to submerged trees. Overcoming formidable obstacles, Sgt. Johnson and Cpl. Roberts successfully brought both victims, who were suffering from hypothermia, to safety. The heroic efforts of these officers exemplify the bravery that defines the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

In 2023, several noteworthy events occurred. At 5:40 a.m. on February 17, 2023, troopers responded to a crash involving a northbound tractor-trailer on U.S. Highway 63 near West Plains, MO. The unit crossed lanes, collided with another tractor-trailer then crashed into a closed dog-grooming business. The crash resulted in no injuries. Just after midnight on March 24, 2023, personnel responded to a tragic event in Grovespring, MO, where a vehicle with six young people was swept away from a low water bridge on Missouri Highway M. While four were located safely on the shore, two males were found deceased in the water. The vehicle was swept approximately 1,000 feet downstream. The last incident occurred on December 1, 2023, and involved a gas leak, which resulted in a house explosion in Licking, MO. The blast demolished the residence and caused moderate to serious injuries to two occupants.

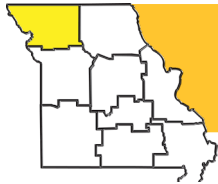


*This photo shows the aftermath of a gas leak explosion in Licking, MO.*



*No injuries were reported when this tractor-trailer crashed into a dog-grooming business.*





# TROOP H

**Organized in 1946. • Located in St. Joseph, MO. • Serves 15 counties.**



**Captain Shawn P. Skoglund  
Commanding Officer**

On April 1, 2023, Corporal Christopher J. Sullivan stopped a white Chrysler minivan for excessive speed on U.S. Highway 136 in Gentry County, MO. As a result of the enforcement contact, Cpl. Sullivan seized 60 counterfeit \$100 bills, 85 gift cards, and a printer/scanner. The driver and passenger were subsequently arrested for 60 felony counts of forgery and possession of a forging instrument. The events stemming from Cpl. Sullivan's traffic stop turned into a multi-state investigation.

April 3, 2023, the eastbound H-3 weigh station on U.S. Highway 36 in Buchanan County was demolished and decommissioned. The area is now a designated truck parking lot. The commercial vehicle officers assigned to H-3 were reassigned to H-4 weigh station on Interstate 29 in Atchison County.

Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Sandra K. Karsten, Colonel Eric T. Olson, and Major Michael A. Turner recognized Division of Drug and Crime Control Sergeant Gregory D. Primm and Troop H Trooper Joshua H. Thompson for their efforts related to a kidnap-for-ransom investigation on June 29, 2023. The superb investigation skills and teamwork of Sgt. Primm and Tpr. Thompson resulted in at least one suspect being identified

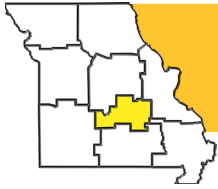
and 20 individuals being rescued in Texas. Their hard work and dedication stopped the exploitation of at least 20 individuals and saved countless others. Director Karsten and Col. Olson expressed their gratitude and presented them with plaques and challenge coins.

On October 1, 2023, Troop H officers assisted with the apprehension in Caldwell County of an escapee from the Phelps County Detention Center.

*(l to r) Col. Eric Olson, Sgt. Greg Primm, Tpr. Josh Thompson, and  
DPS Director Sandra Karsten.*

*Cpl. Christopher Sullivan seized 60 counterfeit \$100 bills.*





# TROOP I

**Organized in 1950. • Located in Rolla, MO. • Serves six counties.**



**Captain Eddie A. Blaylock**  
**Commanding Officer**

Inclement weather became the primary concern in January causing traffic issues along Interstate 44 in Troop I. Extremely cold temperatures along with snow and ice-covered roadways posed challenges for troopers.

At the end of September, the Phelps County Sheriff's Department was housing two inmates who escaped custody from their jail facility. Federal, state, and local authorities worked together for several days in search of the escapees. Several troopers assisted with the timely apprehension of the two inmates.

On the evening of November 10, 2023, a small plane made an emergency landing along I-44 in Pulaski County after the pilot noticed a mechanical failure in the aircraft. The pilot was able to land the plane safely, and there were no injuries or other motorists involved.

Major highway re-construction started along I-44 in several counties within Troop I. The most intensive construction took place in Phelps County. Traffic was diverted to head-to-head for several miles, and there was little to no room for responding emergency vehicles during crashes. Incidents caused major back-ups and unique challenges for responding emergency personnel.

Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Sandra K. Karsten, Colonel Eric T. Olson, and Major Michael A. Turner recognized Sergeant Greg A. Weddle and Corporal Shawn M. Blackston as the DPS Sworn Team Members of the Month for February 2023. Their outstanding initiative and investigative work resulted in a father and son being reunited 13 years after a child abduction. Sgt. Weddle initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 44 in Pulaski County for excessive speed. The driver was unable to produce identification and Sgt. Weddle requested that Cpl. Blackston come to the scene with a mobile fingerprint scanner to confirm her identity. The driver was identified as one of the state of Texas' 10 most wanted fugitives with a warrant for parental kidnapping since 2009. Sgt. Weddle and Cpl. Blackston conducted additional interviews and located her son in St. Peters, MO. The Collin County, Texas, Sheriff's Office was informed of the child's recovery and notified the father, who responded from Texas to be reunited with his son.



*Col. Eric Olson, Capt. Eddie Blaylock (I), Cpl. Shawn Blackston, Sgt. Greg Weddle, DPS Director Sandra Karsten, Lt. Greg DuBois (I), and Major Michael Turner (Q/FOB) gathered at Troop I Headquarters for the DPS Sworn Team Member Of The Month award presentation.*



*Mothers Against Drunk Drivers MADD recognized Tpr. Kristopher Malay (left) and Tpr. Jared Chronister (D) (center) for their outstanding enforcement efforts detecting and removing impaired drivers from Missouri roadways. They are pictured with Captain Eddie Blaylock.*



# AIRCRAFT DIVISION



**Captain David K. Striegel**  
Director

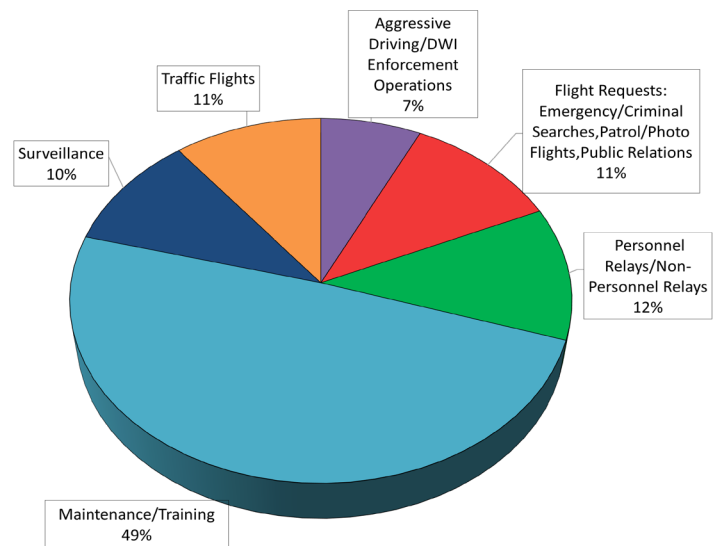
The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Aircraft Division fleet in 2023 consisted of three helicopters, five single engine airplanes, and one multiengine King Air. These aircraft were operated by 11 full-time pilots and supported by two aircraft maintenance specialists and one administrative office support assistant.

In June, the Aircraft Division took delivery of a new Bell 407GX1 helicopter equipped with a FLIR camera. This additional helicopter will allow the division to further assist with criminal and emergency searches.

The Aircraft Division assisted ground officers with aggressive driving operations which targeted aggressive and hazardous moving violations along with the apprehension of fleeing suspects. Camera and mapping systems installed on Patrol aircraft were efficiently used during these operations. The camera allowed officers to discontinue their pursuit while the flight crews continued to safely track a fleeing vehicle, reducing the risk to the motoring public.

The Aircraft Division received 151 requests for airborne law enforcement services. In addition to the criminal/emergency searches, the requests included personnel transport flights for elected officials, members conducting criminal investigations, and help for other state agencies. Flights traveled to various airports in Missouri and to locations in Illinois, Nebraska, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Texas in 2023.

## 2023 Flight Hours



*This Bell 407GX1 Bell helicopter equipped with a FLIR camera joined the aircraft fleet in June 2023.*



# WATER PATROL DIVISION

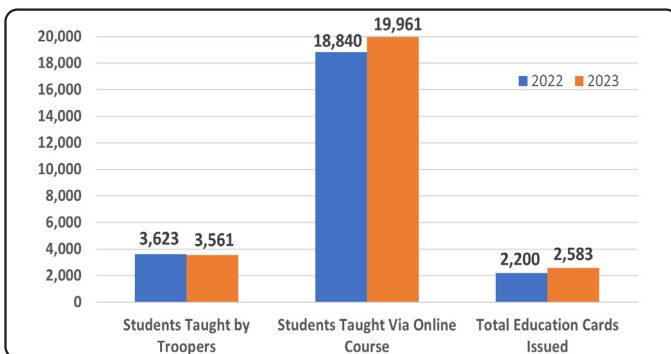


**Captain Michael A. Petlansky**  
Director

The Water Patrol Division provides oversight of the Patrol's marine operations function, including the training of marine troopers. Administrative management of the boater education, navigational aids, and regatta programs is a primary function of the division. The division also manages and coordinates the Patrol's Dive Team.

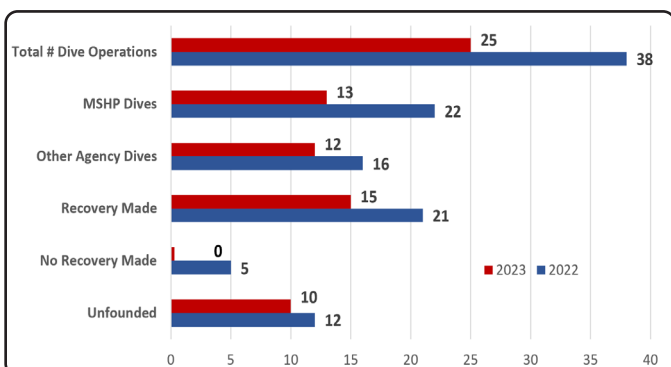
## Boater Education

All boaters born after January 1, 1984, are required to take a boater education course and possess a boater education card while operating a vessel on Missouri lakes. This includes personal watercraft operators. The attendance in Patrol-sponsored courses continues to grow, as does awareness of our state mandatory education requirements.



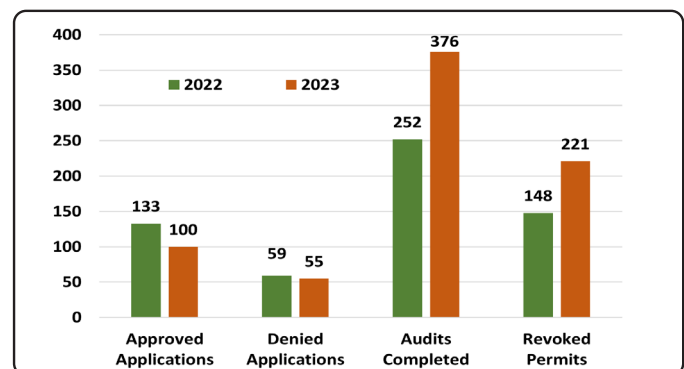
## Dive Team

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Dive Team consisted of 14 divers in 2022 and was comprised of members assigned to both the highway and marine operations functions. Divers were requested to assist federal, state, and local agencies during the year. Dive operations included searches for bodies, weapons, vehicles, and stolen items, and other public safety-related dives.



## Navigational Aid Regulation

The Water Patrol Division issues permits for all buoys and other navigational aids in Missouri. Over 5,000 buoy permits are maintained in the Patrol's automated buoy system. Buoy audits are completed by marine troopers each year on a percentage of the existing buoy permits to ensure compliance. Applications are approved based on state regulations after being investigated by a marine trooper and heard by the Patrol's Buoy Committee at a public hearing.



## Regattas

Regattas and organized events, such as parades, races, and fishing tournaments, require a permit from the Water Patrol Division. In 2023, the division issued 1,913 regatta permits. The division ensures permitted regattas do not create a danger to public safety or unduly disrupt navigation.

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Major Paul D. Kerperin served as commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Crime Laboratory, Drug and Crime Control, and Gaming divisions, and for the Missouri Information Analysis Center.



**Major Paul D. Kerperin**  
**Commander**

# CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION



**Mr. Brian K. Hoey**  
**Director**

The Crime Laboratory Division provides forensic science support to the Missouri State Highway Patrol as well as over 600 other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The seven laboratories in the division analyze physical evidence recovered from criminal investigations, offering services in DNA, drug chemistry, toxicology, firearms, toolmarks, latent prints, and trace evidence.

## **Significant events in 2023:**

- The General Assembly previously approved \$104,662,200 for a 140,000 square-foot Crime Laboratory. The schematic design phase was completed in late 2023.
- Rapid DNA instruments were installed in the Cape Girardeau and Springfield laboratory lobbies and the Division of Drug and Crime Control office at General Headquarters. Eight additional instruments have been purchased and will be installed in the near future.
- Firearms, Trace Evidence, and Latent Prints sections moved into new laboratory space in the GHQ laboratory.
- The DNA Section validated and implemented the use of new extraction equipment to increase efficiencies and sample throughput.
- An additional 276 sexual assault kits were outsourced to a private vendor with the use of laboratory funds to further reduce the sexual assault kit backlog.
- The Toxicology Section worked on the validation of ToxBox®. The ToxBox® platform is a custom kit designed and manufactured to meet CLD specific needs regarding the drug panels presently analyzed and is scalable to identify drugs of abuse, prescribed medications, controlled substances, and emerging drugs as the need arises.
- The laboratory received two additional FTE positions in order to further implement Rapid DNA testing by the agency.
- ANSI National Accreditation Board conducted a full assessment and DNA external audit of the division, including visits to all of the satellite laboratories.
- Six criminalists were promoted to the new designation of Criminalist III (criminalist specialist). This new designation requires the Criminalist III to meet specific criteria in order to be eligible for the promotion.
- Two criminalists became certified within their specific field. One received American Board of Criminalistics certification in forensic DNA, and one received International Association for Identification certification as a certified latent print examiner. Each certification requires the criminalist to pass a comprehensive examination and meet additional criteria.

# DIVISION OF DRUG & CRIME CONTROL



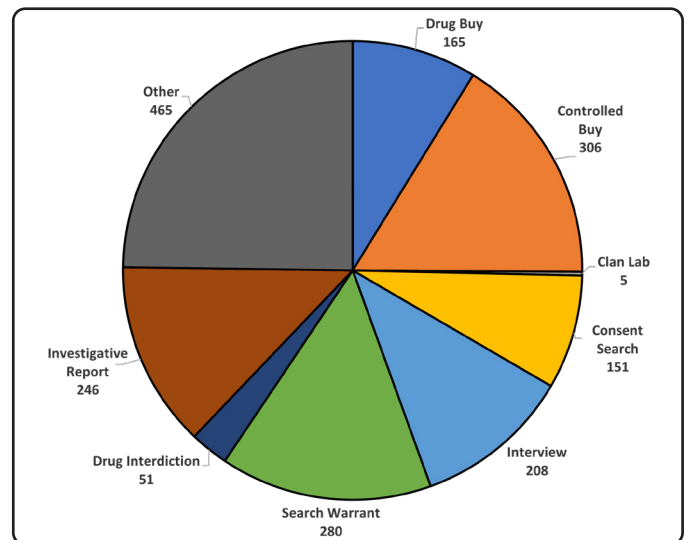
**Captain Roger L. Phillips**  
Director

In 2023, the Division of Drug and Crime Control included investigators, criminal intelligence analysts, and support personnel assigned to the following specialized units:

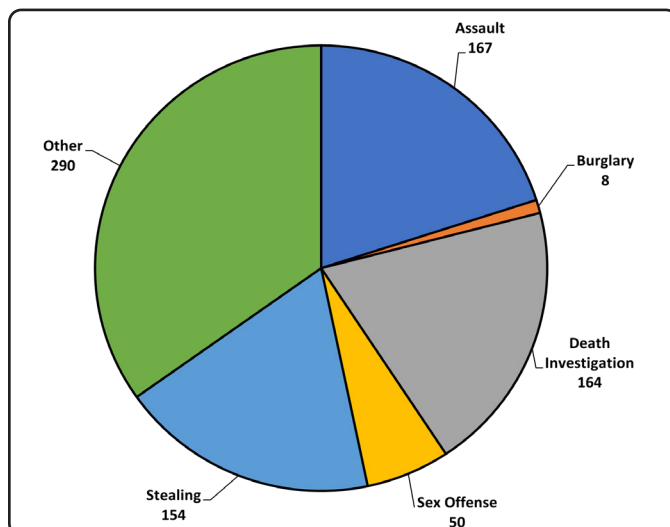
- Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU)
- Bomb Squad and Technical Services Unit
- Digital Forensic Investigation Unit (DFIU)
- Missouri Digital Forensics Center (MDFC)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- Narcotics/Vice Unit
- Polygraph Examinations
- Rural Crimes Investigation Unit (RCIU)
- Organized Crime and Anti-Terrorism Unit (OCAT)
- Illegal Gaming Unit
- Public Information and Education Unit (PIED)
- Investigative Analysis Unit (IAU)
- Tactical Analysis Unit (TAU)
- Human Trafficking Unit
- Special and Support Services Unit

The following charts depict 2023 activity for some of the units within DDCC.

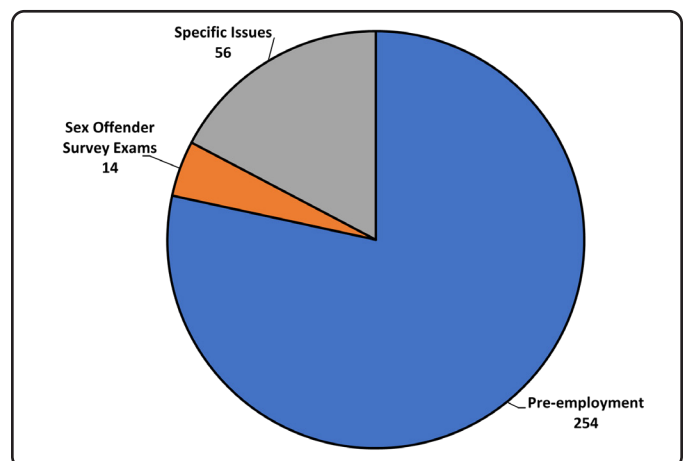
## Narcotics/Vice Unit Cases



## Criminal Investigative Unit Cases



## Polygraph Examinations





# GAMING DIVISION



**Captain Andrew O. Tourney**  
Director

The Gaming Division has an authorized strength of 122 members and three civilian employees. Staffing levels at the end of 2023 included 99 members and three civilians. The division is divided into three primary units: Administrative Services, Investigative Unit, and Enforcement. The Administrative Services Section oversees division motor equipment/fleet management, training, criminal records/case management, overtime, recruiting, personnel actions, special projects, and division property control efforts.

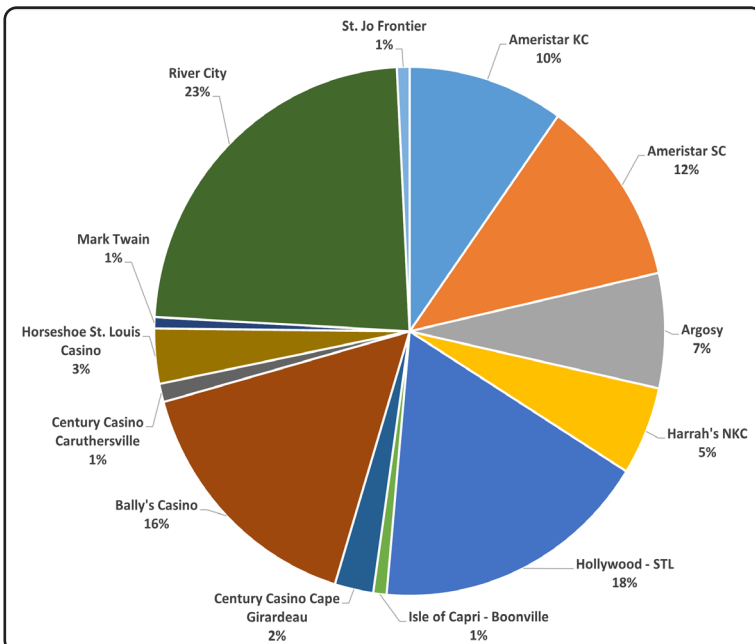
The Investigative Unit conducts comprehensive background investigations of individuals, companies, and suppliers applying for licensure with the Missouri Gaming Commission.

This section is also responsible for conducting specialized investigations related to gaming offenses, white-collar crimes, and public corruption cases, as well as investigations related to Missouri's charitable gaming industry and statutory compliance reviews for all fantasy sports operators. There are currently six Class A (corporate) licensees, 13 Class B (riverboat) licensees, 22 supplier/manufacturing companies, and 5,461 active occupational licensees, all of which required some level of investigative and regulatory oversight by Patrol members. During 2023, investigators were involved with a total of 299 investigations. The unit is also responsible for providing oversight and

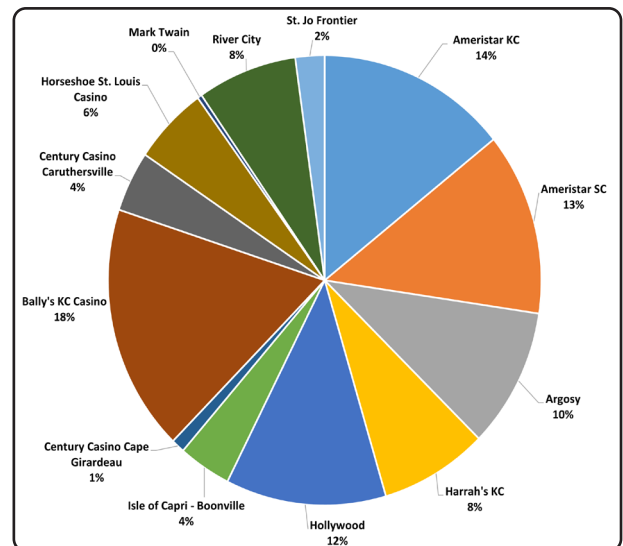
conducting investigations related to 168 Missouri's licensed charitable gaming operations.

During 2023, members assigned to the casino's enforcement unit conducted 1,572 criminal investigations, made 2,494 arrests (1,827 misdemeanor/667 felony), generated 1,195 Gaming Reports, and issued 2,330 Compliance Directives. Officers assigned to the Gaming Division assisted with processing 333 disassociated person applications to assist problem gamblers with self-exclusion from Missouri casinos.

## 2023 Casino Arrests Statewide



## 2023 Casino Gaming Reports





# MISSOURI INFORMATION ANALYSIS CENTER



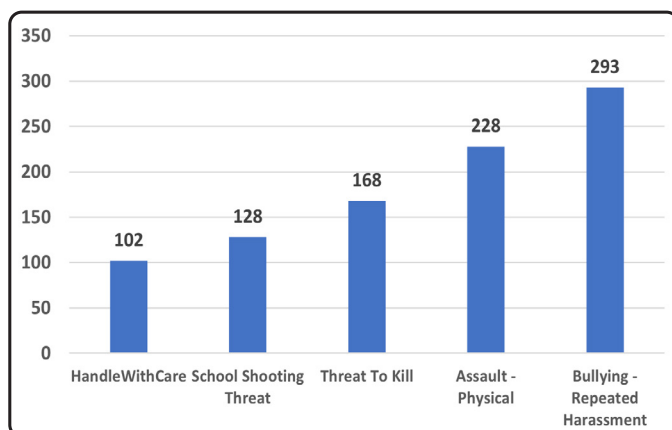
**Captain Michael A. Halford**  
Director

The Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) is recognized by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security as the state's fusion center. The MIAC is operational 24 hours per day to provide services and share information among authorized recipients. The purpose of the MIAC is to receive, gather, analyze, and disseminate information associated with counterterrorism efforts, homeland security initiatives, and criminal case support. This is accomplished through tactical and strategic analytic work, along with special projects for geographically defined regions in Missouri.

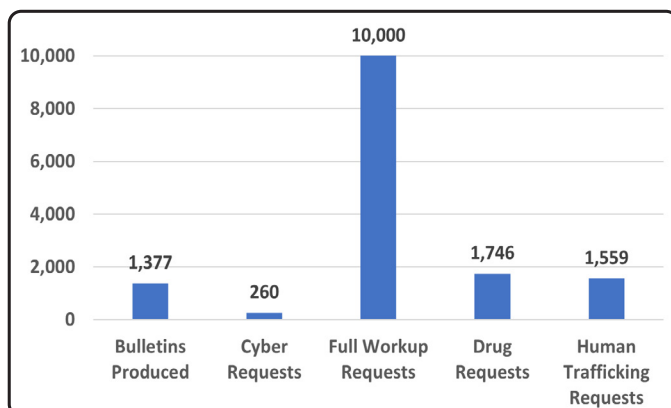
The MIAC is staffed with a director, two assistant directors, 24 full-time and five part-time Missouri State Highway Patrol criminal intelligence analysts. There is external agency staffing by analysts from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. MIAC analysts provide professional services and case support to federal, state, and local authorities across the entire nation as part of the national network of fusion centers.

The MIAC collaborates on a variety of projects with stakeholders such as the FBI National Threat Operations Center, the Missouri Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force, Courage2Report statewide school safety program, and the Cyber Intelligence program. The MIAC also serves as the Missouri Missing Persons Clearinghouse. Threats to life and tips on crimes or terrorism are developed, vetted, and disseminated to local authorities and law enforcement officials to be resolved appropriately.

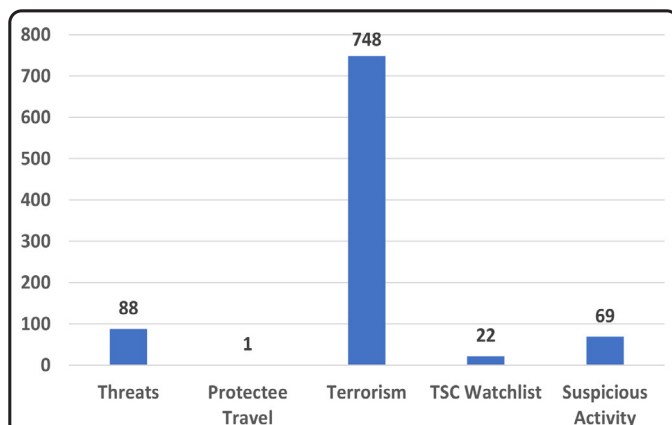
## Courage2Report Tip Summary



## 2023 Common Requests



## 2023 Common Threats



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Major Corey J. Schoeneberg served as commander of the Administrative Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Fleet and Facilities, Human Resources, and Training divisions.



**Major Corey J. Schoeneberg**  
**Commander**

# FLEET & FACILITIES DIVISION

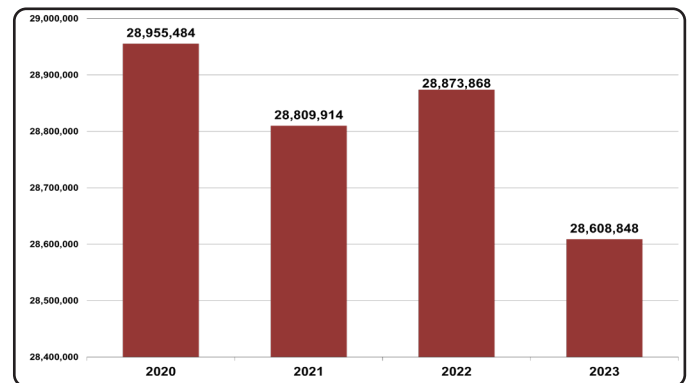


**Mr. Zachary J. Russell**  
Director

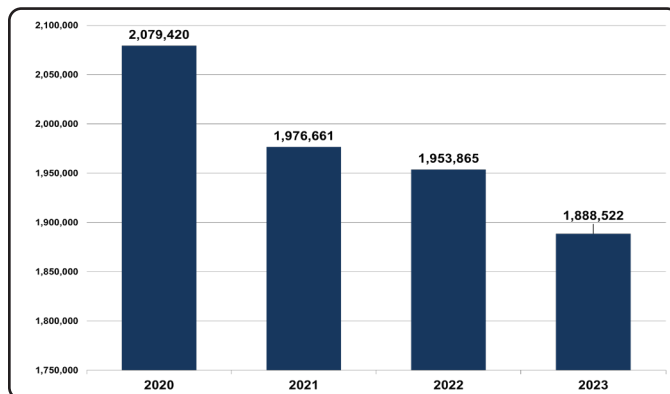
The Fleet & Facilities Division directs the procurement, assignment, maintenance, repair, and eventual sale of Missouri State Highway Patrol vehicles and vessels. There were approximately 1,345 motor vehicles and 160 vessels in operation within the Patrol fleet in 2023.

The Fleet & Facilities Division is also responsible for building and grounds maintenance and janitorial at the General Headquarters Waggoner Building, Annex Building, Warehouse Building, Training Academy, and other Patrol facilities in the Jefferson City area. The division provides support to Patrol building and grounds maintenance staff statewide and works closely with the Office of Administration's Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction Division on statewide capital improvements, maintenance and repair projects, and all Patrol leases.

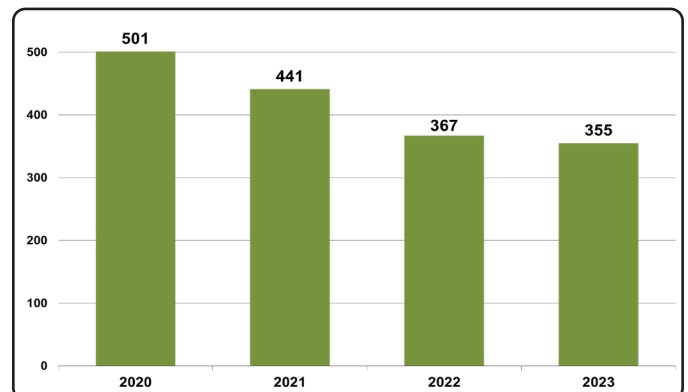
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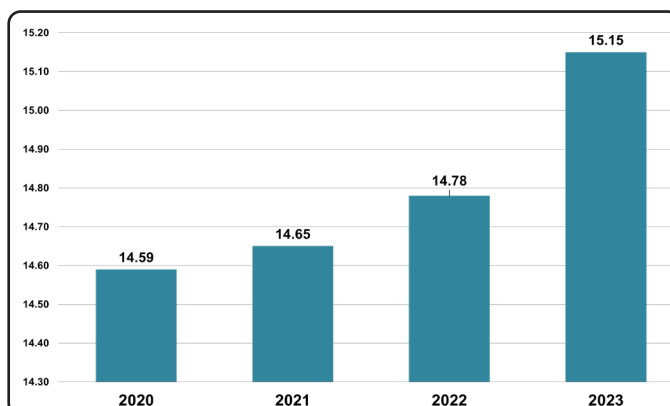
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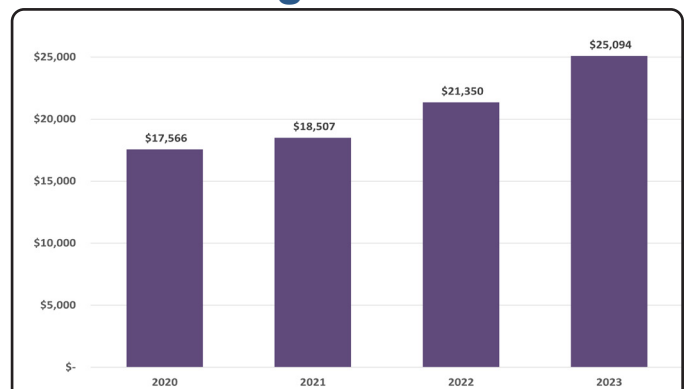
## Number Of Vehicles Sold



## Average Miles Per Gallon



## Average Sale Price



# HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The Human Resources Division coordinates personnel and employee-related functions for all Patrol components. The following represents a synopsis of operations performed by the Human Resources Division in 2023.

The Human Resources Division coordinates selection and promotional processes to further efforts in selecting and retaining a qualified workforce. Other responsibilities include maintaining employee records, administering personnel policies, and coordinating insurance, disability, payroll, and other employee benefits and programs. Personnel within the division provide assistance to over 2,000 Patrol employees.



**Captain Julie A. Kerr**  
**Director**

## Administrative Services

The Administrative Services team coordinated 259 selection processes, with 2,323 employment applications received and reviewed. Human Resources Division personnel also coordinated 13 student internships and one SkillBridge internship. The team facilitated the hiring of 260 employees and 195 employment separations, which includes 118 resignations and 77 retirements.

## Trooper Selection Process

- Processed four member reinstatements.
- Processed three Trooper Selection Processes:
  - 118th TSP — 463 applicants
  - 119th TSP — 66 applicants
  - 120th TSP — 326 applicants

The three Trooper Selection Processes resulted in the hiring of 67 new troopers.

## Health and Wellness

The Patrol contracted with Lexipol to provide an online health and wellness support tool available for all employees, their families, and retirees. The Cordico application provides health and wellness tools in an online platform that can be used in a time of need.

## DEFENSE Program

The Defending Employees from the Effects of Negative Stressful Experiences (DEFENSE) Program conducted one Basic Peer Training Course for Patrol employees and community behavioral health liaisons in March, adding additional peers to our DEFENSE Peer Support Team. DEFENSE Peer Team members also participated in a one-day in-service training in November. Three Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS) were conducted, which included 103 participants from various agencies including fire, police, ambulance, and communications, along with Patrol personnel.

# TRAINING DIVISION



**Captain Joseph L. Armistead**  
**Director**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Training Division provides centralized training programs at the Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, as well as prepares, conducts, and coordinates continuing education, leadership development training rule, and recertification courses. The Academy is an approved peace officer training center under Chapter 590 RSMo. As such, it provides certified basic and career enhancement courses to any law enforcement officer upon proper application and payment of appropriate fees.

The Academy graduated 42 new troopers in 2023.

- The 116th Accelerated Recruit Class began training on January 3, 2023 and graduated April 14, 2023.
- The 117th Recruit Class began training on January 3, 2023 and graduated on June 23, 2023.
- The 118th Recruit Class began training on July 3, 2023 and graduated on December 22, 2023.

The Academy provided Marine Enforcement Training for four incumbent members during a four-week course. The training focused on watercraft law and crash investigation, boat operation, stop and approach tactics, water survival, and other related topics. Additionally, 36 members attended two separate, three-day Basic Boat Operation courses and one four-day Swiftwater Rescue course.

The Academy hosted four First Line Supervision courses and trained 156 students. Two Police Leadership the West Point Model schools were held with a total of 72 students graduating.

In a cooperative effort with Mineral Area Community College in Park Hills, MO, 12 students applied for college credit for their studies at the Patrol Academy in 2023.

The MultiMedia Unit received 343 written requests for MultiMedia work in 2023, which is a 31% decrease from 2021. Some of that work included video clip conversion,

technical assistance, media duplication, and other special projects. MultiMedia was also responsible for uploading and coordinating all training videos, documents, and tests to the PowerDMS system agencywide. One of the major responsibilities of the MultiMedia Unit was to provide audio-visual support for the recruit classes throughout their training.

During 2023, 271 schools/trainings/meetings were held at the Academy for 3,200 Patrol employees and 571 outside students. The dormitory was occupied by 14,185 people, 10,394 were Patrol employees and 3,791 were from outside agencies. The Academy also served 46,707 meals.

# SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

Major Ben C. Jones served as commander of the Support Services Bureau with oversight responsibilities for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Driver & Vehicle Safety, and Recruiting & Community Outreach divisions, and capital improvements.



**Major Ben C. Jones**  
Commander



# COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division coordinates the uniform enforcement of commercial vehicle laws and regulations. The division is currently comprised of 114 commercial vehicle officers who operate 16 fixed weigh stations and 23 portable scale trucks. In addition, the Patrol has 34 commercial vehicle enforcement troopers and approximately 25 other troopers who are certified to perform various levels of the North American Standard Inspections that enhance the Patrol's commercial vehicle enforcement efforts.

In 2023, CVE Division personnel conducted approximately 45,500 inspections and they weighed approximately 530,000 commercial vehicles.

In 2023, the CVE Division graduated two CVO classes. The 14th and 15th CVO classes completed 23 weeks of training and filled vacancies in the various troops.

Three major construction projects were completed in 2023. The CVE Division completed scale replacements at A3W (Mayview, MO), D4E (Joplin, MO), and H2S (Eagleville, MO).



**Captain Kevin C. Kelley**  
Director



*The CVE Division welcomed two CVO classes in 2023.*



*Scale replacements at multiple sites were completed in 2023.*

# DRIVER & VEHICLE SAFETY DIVISION



**Captain Darewin L. Clardy**  
Director

The Driver and Vehicle Safety Division is comprised of two sections: Driver Examination and Motor Vehicle Inspection.

The Driver Examination Section is tasked with statewide administration of written and practical driver testing to ensure that Missouri licensed drivers have both the practical skills and basic knowledge of Missouri traffic safety laws necessary to safely and competently navigate Missouri roadways. Section responsibilities include providing program direction and guidance; coordinating site selection; serving as a liaison to state and federal agencies, field personnel, and the general public; training; grant writing; program oversight; equipment and supplies procurement; and budget maintenance. Driver testing is conducted at 154 driver examination locations across the state of Missouri, with offices located in all 114 counties and the city of St. Louis. Fifteen driver examination offices serve as CDL test sites.

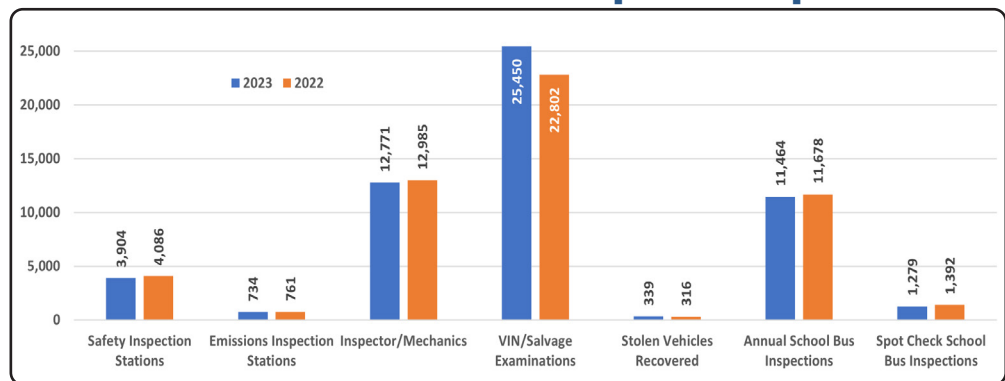
The Motor Vehicle Inspection section is responsible for the statewide administration of MVI programs, including the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, the School Bus Inspection Program, and the VIN/Salvage Examination Program. MVI is also responsible for the Emissions Inspection Program in the St. Louis area.

The Driver and Vehicle Safety Division provides oversight to more than 225 driver examination employees and 58

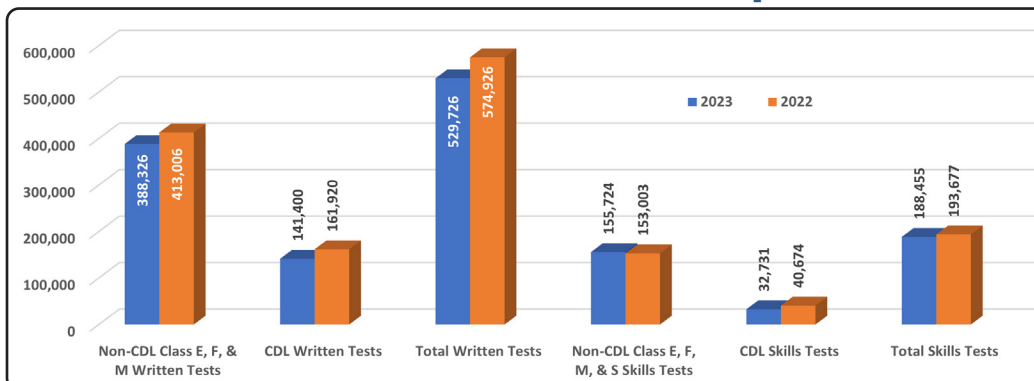
motor vehicle inspection employees assigned to the nine Patrol troops across the state of Missouri. An additional 13 employees serve at the division's administrative office located at the general headquarters complex in Jefferson City. Division personnel represent the Patrol at numerous state and national professional organizations, committees, and seminars related to division programs.

Total 2023 state revenues of the Driver and Vehicle Safety Division were \$4,906,502.86. This total included \$2,854,897.90 related to the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program and \$2,051,604.96 related to the Emissions Inspection Program.

## 2022 - 2023 Motor Vehicle Inspection Operations



## 2022 - 2023 Driver Examination Operations





# RECRUITING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division develops closer relationships with individuals, groups, and businesses in communities that may not frequently interact with the Patrol. Division members work to recruit qualified and diverse candidates for positions as troopers and for the more than 60 civilian career classifications within the agency. Additionally, this division oversees the mentor program and assists the Human Resources Division with trooper applicant testing.

The division continues to maintain a strong presence through various media and advertising platforms to include internet, television streaming services, print and digital advertising, billboards, radio, and state/national newspapers and magazines. RCOD has an active presence on social media through Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.



**Captain Jason M. Pace**  
Director



*Pictured is the 2023 Patrol Youth Camp at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks in Piedmont, MO, with Sgt. Shawn Price (Q/AD) and Tpr. Jacob Hirner (Q/AD).*

In 2023, members of RCOD attended numerous recruiting and outreach events. Some of the activities included the following:

- Recruiting events for uniformed and civilian career opportunities within the Patrol
- Patrol University, a multi-week program designed for criminal justice students at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO, and at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO
- Youth Camp at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks in Piedmont, MO
- FFA National Convention
- MSHSAA state high school competitions
- St. Louis Cardinals First Responders Appreciation Day
- Mount Calvary Church outreach program in Poplar Bluff, MO
- Annual Christmas Giveaway event with Meet the Need Inc. for children in Southeast Missouri.
- "Shop with a Hero" giveaway events throughout the state
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Career Expo in Jefferson City, MO
- Lincoln University Cooperative Extension "Bridging the Gap" event in Charleston, MO



*Tpr. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD) and Fredbird at St. Louis Cardinals First Responders Appreciation Day.*



*Tpr. Gary Daniels (Q/RCOD) and Sgt. Rich Stewart (Q/RCOD) recruit at the Career Expo.*

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division fostered and maintained numerous working relationships with community leaders, educational institutions, and military installations in 2023. Some of these included faith-based organizations and churches, Consulate of Mexico, NAACP, U.S. Army, and the Hispanic Leaders Group. The division was honored to receive the Venezuelan Association of Missouri's 2023 Community Partnership Award.

# TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU

Major Christopher S. Jolly served as commander of the Technical Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Communications, Criminal Justice Information Services, and Patrol Records divisions.



**Major Christopher S. Jolly**  
Commander



# COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



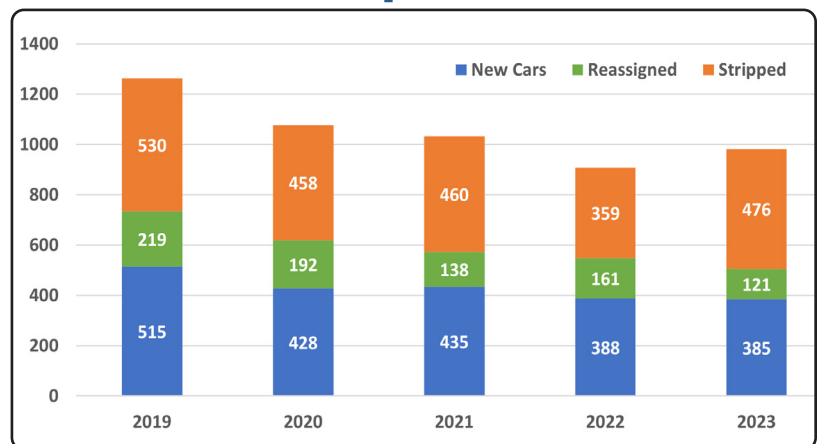
**Mr. J. Corey Chaney**  
Director

The Communications Division maintains and operates a 24-hour communications network covering nine troop headquarters located throughout the state. This network supports communications with the public, troopers, our own personnel, as well as other state and local public safety agencies. The division purchased new CAD (computer aided dispatch) and Next Generation 911 call-handling software. The Next Generation 911 software was implemented in December at all nine troops, with CAD scheduled to be implemented in 2024.

The User Support Section worked with a third-party vendor to retrofit fleet vehicles with upgraded in-car camera equipment that integrates with the new body camera system for troopers. The section also began installing this equipment in new vehicle builds.

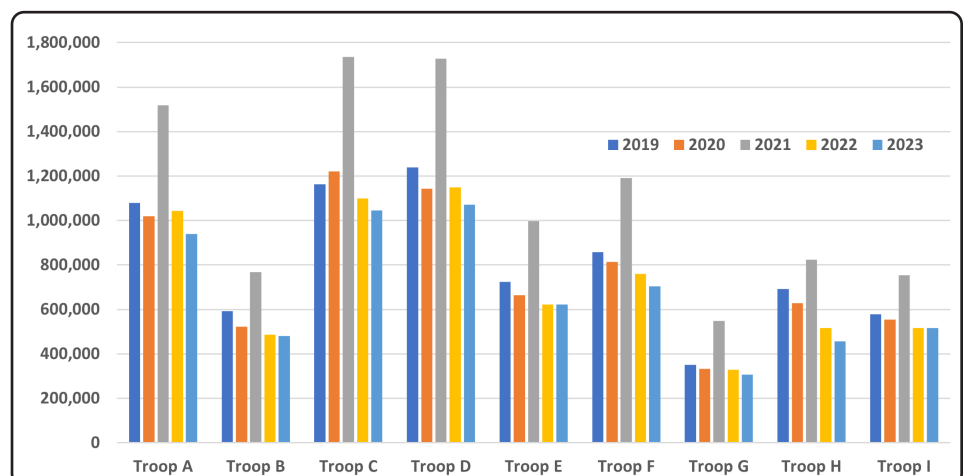
Communications field engineers provided statewide technical support for MOSWIN equipment installation, programming upgrades, and repairs. The field engineers assisted with the replacement of two radio towers, one in Carthage, MO, and one at Troop D Headquarters in Springfield, MO. The field engineers also assisted with upgrading equipment in the radio rooms at all nine troops in anticipation of the Next Generation 911 and CAD system upgrades.

## Radio Shop Car Installs



*Asst. Chief Op. Gerald Leigh (D) monitors radio traffic and answer calls from the public.*

## MOSWIN Push-To-Talk Console Totals



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

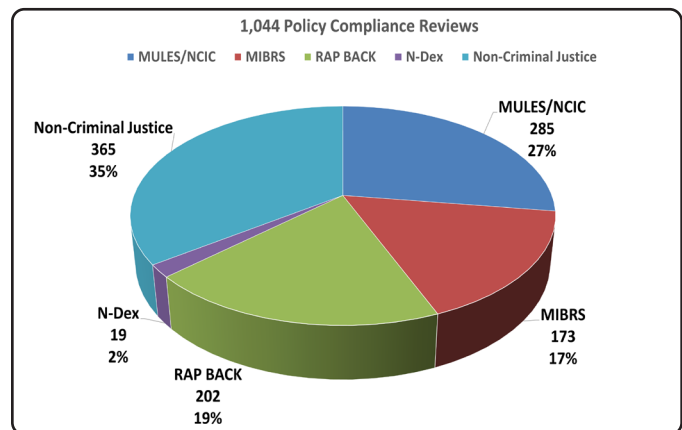
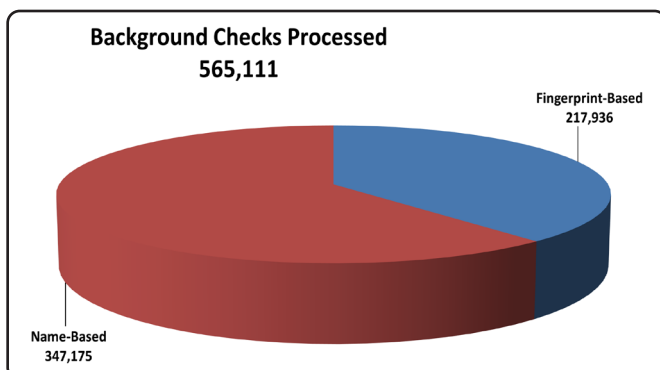


**Captain Gara N. Howard**  
**Director**

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division provides 24/7 service and support to criminal justice entities. As the state's Central Repository, CJIS compiles and disseminates criminal history record information, trains and audits system users, oversees the Missouri Sex Offender Registry, and ensures electronic criminal justice data remains secure. Additionally, CJIS provides information technology solutions and support for the Patrol and the statewide law enforcement community.

Below are the 2023 calendar year statistics for the CJIS Division:

- Missouri's State Rap Back Program provided 2,179 notifications of arrests. The Federal Rap Back Program provided 770 notifications of arrests occurring outside of Missouri.
- Sex offender registrations numbered 88,413, of which 92% were conducted electronically using the Sex Offender Registration System. At year-end, there were 18,221 offenders listed on the registry.
- Missouri Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) houses over 6.9 million fingerprint sets. CJIS processed over 391,678 fingerprint submissions, resulting in a lights-out rate of approximately 79%. Additionally, over 9,400 latent fingerprints and palmprints were entered/searched through AFIS, resulting in an estimated 6,900 identifications.
- Missouri Rapid-ID program includes over 900 deployed devices and over 400 livescans, which provide two-finger identification capability. There were 24,064 Rapid-ID searches performed, resulting



in a 67% identification rate on hand-held devices, and an 83% identification rate on livescan devices.

- The CJIS Division welcomed 289 representatives of Missouri's law enforcement and criminal justice community to its annual CJIS conference.
- The Sex Offender Registry Unit held a training conference and welcomed 134 attendees from various sheriff's departments, police departments, federal and state probation and parole personnel, Department of Corrections employees, prosecuting attorneys, and legal counsel. This was the first SOR conference provided since 2009.
- The Technical Systems Training and Auditing Section hosted the following classes:
  - 286 MULES Certifications — 4,936 attendees
  - 15 Criminal History Reporting — 331 attendees
  - 152 Non-criminal Justice PCR classes — 943 attendees
  - 26 Livescan Certification classes
  - 32 Train-the-Trainer
  - 53 N-DEX
  - 12 Rap Sheet
  - 19 Criminal History Reporting classes

# PATROL RECORDS DIVISION



**Captain Brent J. Drummond**  
Director

The Patrol Records Division serves as the data repository of statewide motor vehicle and boating crash reports, alcohol- and drug-related traffic offenses, dispositions on Missouri State Highway Patrol traffic and marine arrests, and statewide assignment of unique numbers for inclusion on Uniform Citations. The division also maintains Missouri's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and serves as the Custodian of Records for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

In 2023, Patrol troopers reported 32,638 motor vehicle traffic crashes to the Patrol Records Division. This was a decrease of 1,111 crashes from the previous year. In addition, the division processed 225,116 court dispositions to the Traffic Arrest System/DWI Tracking System as a result of arrests made by troopers.

The division accepts traffic crash reports in an electronic format from various local agencies. A total of 106,929 electronic reports, from 342 local agencies and the Patrol, were processed in 2023. Currently, approximately 91 percent of agencies submit crash reports electronically. The advantages of the electronic submission of reports include more timely analysis of crash data and relieving local agencies from the requirement to forward paper copies of reports to the Patrol.

During fall 2023, the Patrol Records Division provided training related to the revised Missouri Uniform Crash Report to be implemented on January 1, 2024. Over 1,490 officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, as well as local law enforcement agencies from across the state, attended the training.

*Note: The statistics on this page reflect the work of troopers. The numbers provided are preliminary; 2023 crash reports are still being processed. Statistics for all Missouri law enforcement agencies will be found on the Patrol's website, [www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov](http://www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov), within the Statistical Analysis Center page after all reporting is complete.*

## 2023 Traffic Crash Statistics

In 2023, Patrol troopers and local agencies' officers reported 136,516 motor vehicle traffic crashes to the Patrol Records Division. This was an increase of 1,919 crashes from the previous year. These reports revealed 992 people were killed statewide and 50,242 injured during the year. This is equivalent to one person being killed or injured every 10.26 minutes on Missouri trafficways.

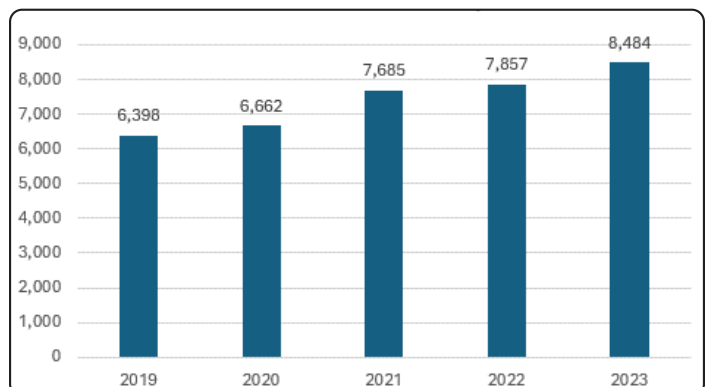
## Boating Crashes/Accidental Drownings

In 2023, Patrol officers investigated 159 boating crashes. This was an increase of seven crashes from the previous year. These reports revealed six people were killed and 89 injured. Troopers also investigated 27 accidental drownings.

## Custodian of Records

In 2023, the Custodian of Records section received 8,484 requests for copies of records and/or reports maintained by the Patrol. The Custodian of Records section averaged 707 requests per month in 2023, as compared to only 533 per month in 2019. This was an increase of 32% when compared to five years ago.

## 2023 Custodian of Records Requests



# EXECUTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Major Scott A. Shippers served as commander of the Executive Services Bureau with oversight responsibility for the Budget & Procurement, Governor's Security, and Research & Development divisions, and governmental affairs.



**Major Scott A. Shippers**  
**Commander**

# BUDGET & PROCUREMENT DIVISION



**Captain Matthew J. Broniec**  
Director

The division prepares and presents the Missouri State Highway Patrol budget requests to the governor. It analyzes Patrol expenditures to identify trends that need to be included in future budget requests. The division maintains records of all expenditures incurred and all revenue received by the agency during the year and uses this information in preparing future budget requests and to provide information for the state auditor. Division personnel also coordinate the Patrol's fiscal response to legislation filed by the members of Missouri's General Assembly.

## Financial

The Financial Section prepares financial projections and reports, and performs budget maintenance and analysis. Division personnel oversee accounts payable and accounts receivable for the Patrol, including the processing of vendor payments, employee expenses, and uniform allowance reports. In addition, employees are responsible for making deposits on behalf of the Patrol.

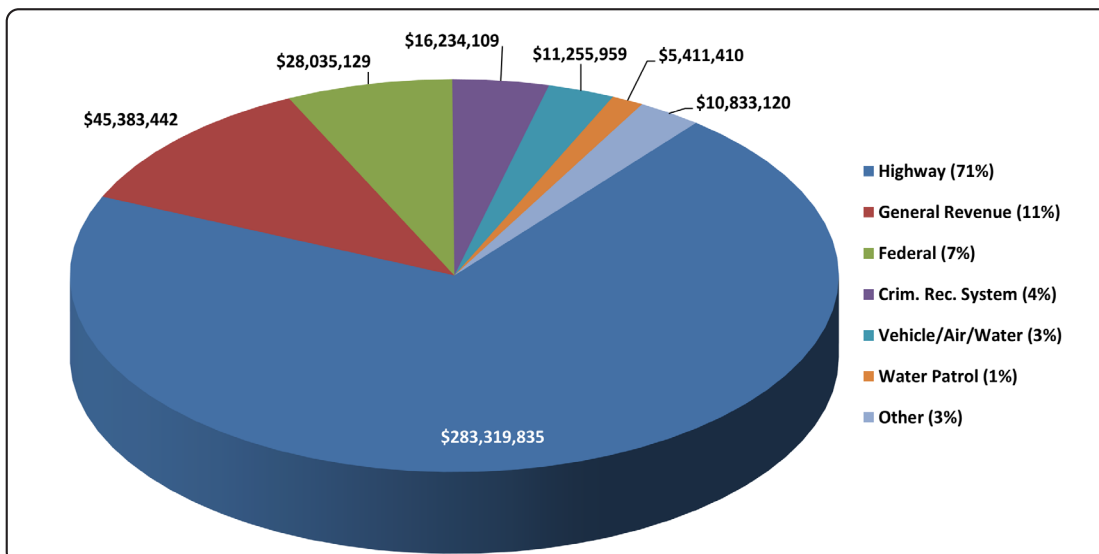
## Grants

The Grants Section is the central point of contact for the Patrol's grants program. Personnel assigned are responsible for the coordination of all grant-related activities for the Patrol, including the identification of alternate funding sources, facilitation of grant applications, monitoring of in-house grant activities, and administration of sub-awards.

## Supply and Procurement

The Supply & Procurement Section coordinates Patrol purchases. Section personnel maintain a stock of necessary supplies and issue them as needed to agency employees throughout the year. The section maintains an inventory record of Patrol assets. Section personnel also produce forms, brochures, and other printable material in line with the operation of the Patrol for use by people inside and outside the organization.

## FY23 Operating Budget by Fund Source





# GOVERNOR'S SECURITY DIVISION



**Captain Dusty L. Hoffman**  
**Director**

The Governor's Security Division is responsible for providing security for the governor and his immediate family, visiting governors, and other dignitaries.

During 2023, the division provided protective services to Governor Michael L. Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson as well as other visiting governors. Individual Governor's Security Division officers were assigned to 236 out-of-state travel days and 801 travel days in cities across the state of Missouri.

During 2023, the division handled advance and security for travel outside of the Continental United States to Germany, Sweden, and Japan. Other travel included security and transportation in Atlanta, GA; Washington DC; Phoenix, AZ; Boston, MA; Sedona, AZ; Silvas, Chicago, and Springfield, IL; Honolulu, HI; Omaha, NE, and Dallas, TX.

Division members assisted the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy in the instruction of basic and advanced dignitary protection courses for the Patrol and outside agencies.



*Sgt. Diana Hutzler accompanies the governor as he visits Harrisburg School District.*



*Taken on Drive Your Tractor To Work Day during FFA Week, this photo shows Lt. Thad Wilson walking beside the tractor as Gov. Michael Parson drives to the Capitol.*

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



**Captain Brian L. Daniel**  
Director

The Research and Development Division is a support component tasked with the management of various agency administrative functions. RDD efforts support the continued accomplishment of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's mission by providing internal services and risk mitigation for the agency and its members. During 2023, RDD accomplished the following:

## **Studies, Collaborations, etc.**

- Conducted research on the current trends of law enforcement agencies using reflex sights.
- Explored the advantages of securing advanced witness fees for expert testimony.

## **Organizational Support & Administrative Services Section**

### **Directives**

- Managed the cyclic and ad hoc reviews of 103 agency-wide directives.
- Forms and References
- Managed the cyclic and ad hoc reviews of 301 departmental forms.

### **CALEA Accreditation**

- Successfully completed the Year 4 on-site CALEA policy and standards assessment.
- Submitted proofs of compliance for 461 external standards.
- Lieutenant Colonel David A. Flannigan, Captain Brian L. Daniel and Accreditation Manager Jessica S. Mealy attended the 2023 CALEA Conference in Bellevue, WA. During the conference, Patrol representatives completed an interview, and as a result, the Patrol was awarded a certificate for advanced accreditation.

### **Strategic Planning**

- Strategic Planning Committee met via Webex.
- Updated the Strategic Plan objectives with emphasis on data and public education.

## **Statistical Analysis & Internal Support Services Section**

### **Staff Inspections**

- Troop E
- Troop I
- Criminal Justice Information Services Division
- Division of Drug and Crime Control

- Human Resources Division
- Governor's Security Division
- Public Information and Education Division

### **Compressed Staff Inspections**

- Troop A
- Troop F
- Troop G
- Communications Division
- Driver and Vehicle Safety Division
- Patrol Records Division
- Recruiting and Community Outreach Division

### **Property Control**

- Annual Property Control Supervisor Meeting
- Inspected nine component property control rooms

### **Statistical Analysis Center**

- Completed analysis and reporting regarding racial profiling, use of force, and vehicular pursuits.
- Fulfilled 101 ad hoc data requests, the most on record since the Patrol began tracking these requests in 2014.
- Utilized various new and existing applications to create, maintain, and update multiple new and existing dashboards.
- Optimized multiple processes within the SAC to facilitate quicker response times with more accurate and consistent data.
- Began re-evaluation of predictive crash application to address updates and changes utilizing machine learning and improved research techniques.

### **National Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) Unit**

- Violent death case files sought and collected from 460 police departments and sheriffs' offices.
- Analyzed 1,894 case files and entered research data into the Violent Death Reporting System.
- Introduced the MOVDRS program to 82 continuing education members of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association.
- Achieved on-time completion of abstracting case files for the fifth straight year.

# SUMMARY OF ARRESTS \*

## Traffic Arrest Summary Totals

Alcohol- & Drug-Related Driving Violations.....	8,015
Commercial Motor Vehicle Violations.....	6,108
Driver Lic. & Safety Responsibility.....	40,185
Hazardous Vehicle Condition Violation.....	46,217
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violations.....	18
Other Hazardous Moving Violations.....	20,251
Other Inf. Violations .....	12
Other Traffic Felony Violations.....	502
Other Traffic Misdemeanor Violations.....	487
Registration & Ownership Violations.....	31,750
Speed Violations.....	89,510

## Criminal Arrest Totals

Criminal Felonies.....	3,641
Criminal Misdemeanors .....	3,935

## Boating Arrest Totals

Boat/Motor Registration Violations.....	71
Boating Alcohol & Drug Violations.....	80
Boating Flotation Violations.....	83
Boating Navigation Violations.....	39
Boat Speed Violations .....	5
Other Misd. & Inf. Boating Violations.....	157
Personal Watercraft Violations.....	43

**Warrant Arrests**..... 11,842

**Juvenile Referrals**..... 185

*\* Preliminary statistics effective March 26, 2024.*





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